

Old Forge Library
Board of Trustees
September meeting: September 14, 2023

Present: Kate Bartlet, Dave Berkstresser, Judy Ehrensbeck, Kelly Hunkins, Liz Lorentzen, Linda Martin, Reed Proper, Joe Rintrona, Kathy Rivet and Linda Weal

Absent: Mona Lincoln and Sarah Terpening

Call to order: 5:30 PM by Kelly Hunkins

Approval of minutes from last meeting:

Motion made by Kathy Rivet
Seconded by Linda Martin
Approved

Approval of treasurer's report:

Motion made by Dave Berkstresser
Seconded by Reed Proper
Approved and entered into minutes

Director's Report:

- Working on a fall and winter schedule.
- Todd Moe from NCPD has agreed to read The Raven at the October fundraiser on October 24, 2023 at Nest.
- BASH was a great success with over \$5000 raised.
- We are updating the website with the help of Libby Zupnik. Libby is working with Mid-York and should have a new design soon.

Unfinished Business:

- The totem pole is finished and should be installed soon
- The Hoopla usage has surpassed our budgeted amount. We will consider increasing the amount when we plan the budget for 2024.
- Libby Zupnik has shared a proposal with the Board regarding her work on the website. After discussion, Judy Ehrensbeck made a motion, seconded by Linda Martin, to pay Libby Zupnik \$750 for her work on the website. The motion passed.
- Harky Hunkins has installed two railings at the entrance to the library at a cost of \$750. The Friends have paid for the new railings from funds raised at the BASH.
- The Friends have donated \$5000 to the garden improvement project and \$5000 toward the washer and dryer to be put in the apartment closet.
- Linda met with Lori Zellweger and Al Down to discuss the next stages in the garden improvement project. There are plans to reconfigure the shed to serve as a reading nook, transplant irises and other grasses from the library grounds to surround the fountain, and to stain the fence and paint it with some colorful flowers.
- Linda has applied to the JM McDonald foundation for a \$15,000 grant to install a flagstone path from the town sidewalk to the garden paths.
- The Board discussed the need to replace our cleaning service. After much discussion, Joe Rintrona made a motion, seconded by Linda Martin, to hire Audrey Nelson as an hourly employee at a rate of \$30/hour. The motion passed.
- TAS has installed the new security system and the staff is waiting to be trained. TAS donated two additional cameras to compensate for the delay in installing our system.
- Risley Electric has been contacted regarding the work that we need done. We are waiting to hear when they will begin their work.

- The first round of the Construction Grant has been completed and the necessary corrections made.
- We are still considering applying to the Community Foundation for the food pantry (this may be in conjunction with other organizations or we may apply on our own)
- We have been awarded the following grants:
 - Adirondack Foundation: Lake Placid Education Foundation-\$2000 to support free CPR classes for all ages. This will pay for 4 sessions
- We are waiting to hear news regarding the following grants:
 - Pearsall Foundation-\$3600 for crafting sessions
 - Stewart's Shops-\$2400 for grab and go kits
 - Wadas Foundation Gamechanger-for recreational items (applying with other county libraries)
 - ALC—to purchase books for the Robin Wall Kimmerer Community Read
 - NYSCA-\$10,000 to support this spring's Robin Wall Kimmerer presentation
- The deadline for reservations for the Mid-York Annual meeting dinner in Canastota is September 25, 2023.

New Business:

- Sarah Bolton will likely be attending trainings on behalf of the library. The library will cover the costs of the trainings that Sarah attends.

Adjournment at 6:18 PM:

Motion made by Dave Berkstresser

Seconded by Liz Lorentzsen

Approved

Next meeting:

October 12, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Ehrensbeck
Recording Secretary
September 14, 2023