

Old Forge Library
Board of Trustee
September meeting: September 8, 2022

Present: Kate Bartlet, Dave Berkstresser, Judy Ehrensbeck (via Zoom), Kelly Hunkins, Mona Lincoln (via Zoom), Liz Lorentzsen, Linda Martin, Joseph Rintrona, Kathy Rivet, Sarah Terpening (via Zoom), and Linda Weal

Meeting called to order at 5:35 PM by Kelly Hunkins

Approval of minutes from last meeting:

Motion made by Kate Bartlet
Seconded by Kathy Rivet
Approved

Approval of treasurer's report:

Motion made by Dave Berkstresser
Seconded by Linda Martin
Approved and entered into minutes

Director's report:

- We have stopped delivering large print books to Lakeside Terrace. Linda is working on a survey to see if they would like us to provide outreach programs (crafts, speakers, etc.) in the future. We want to work with them, and provide services, and want to make sure what will work best for everyone.
- BASH was very successful and well attended.
- Voter registration day is September 20th. Historical Society will bring old voting booths to the library for display.
- Events planned in conjunction with Nicolls Church for the equinox.
- Greg Klein's exhibit has drawn much attention, and he has sold several paintings. The library will benefit greatly from this event.
- Continuing to plan for the fall schedule.
- Facebook has taken off with lots of likes and followers.
- The Bookmark should be ready to send by the end of next week.

Old Business:

- The Community Read project has not made as much progress as Lindal would hope. Lots of hoops to jump through, and looking for partners to help with this. We are looking way ahead to June of 2024, so we will continue to work on this.
- Have met our fund appeal goal already, with only a month since letters were sent. This is a great sign.
- Will order Creative Bug service in October. This may coincide with Halloween.
- Windows are completely updated with one having the wrong grid (in the director's office)
- Met with the electric car charging station service on September 7th. Quote was more than originally expected. National Grid would pay 90% of the fees. This should be fundable, and Linda will research it. Joe Rintrona made a motion to proceed with the installation of the charging station at a cost to not exceed \$4000. Mona Lincoln seconded the motion, and it was approved.
- Still looking for something to plant next to the benches along the walk. Will consult with the Garden Club to see what they recommend.
- Key has returned for the apartment, but the whole lock should be replaced. The Board approved the replacement of the lock. Dave will look into this.
- Discussed whether the tent should stay up until Halloween.
- Talked to Clark Lubb regarding the snow removal (plowing and shoveling). He is interested, but would need guidance with pricing.

- Excavation and step removal should begin before the end of September. Discussed removing the steps completely or extending the ramp. Joe will meet with the contractor and discuss this with him.
- Linda has created a draft of the circulation desk job description. With recent changes to the staff's needs, we need to move forward with this as soon as possible.
- We have met the goal for Cloudsplitter Grant, and have completed the paperwork.
- Paperwork has also been filed for the 2022 Construction Grant, and funds for the 2021 Construction Grant should be received in November.
- We have applied for NYSCA funds, and are waiting to hear whether we will be awarded that amount.
- Received \$2000 from Adirondack Foundation to offset the cost of grab-n-go crafts and Creative Bug subscription.
- Discussed replacing Jennifer Hartsig as a Trustee. Names mentioned were Reed Proper, Ron Rakowski, and Genevieve Ruhland. The nominating committee will reach out and report back.

New Business:

- One of the plaques on the memorial trees is loose and needs to be repaired.
- Mid-York's Annual Dinner is at the Miner's Table on October 6th. The Invitation is at the front desk. Trustees are encouraged to attend.
- The Friends have \$15,000 to donate to the library. They would prefer to designate a purpose for their donations. After the Board discussed possible projects for which funds could be earmarked, Judy Ehrensbeck made a motion, seconded by Linda Martin, to have the Friends donate \$15,000 to offset the cost of replacing the flooring in the library, including the children's room. Motion passed.
- Beginning January 1, 2023, each trustee, elected or appointed, of a public library, association library or Indian Library will be required to complete a minimum of two hours of trustee education annually. Linda is looking into how best to meet this requirement.
- We have applied to the ADK League Club Fund for money to repair the totem pole. The pole needs to be brought inside to dry out before any repairs can be made.

Adjournment at 7:15 PM:

Motion made by Mona Lincoln
 Seconded by Linda Martin
 Approved

Next meeting:

October 13, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Ehrensbeck
 Recording Secretary