

Old Forge Library
Board of Trustees
May meeting: May 11, 2023

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

Absent: Linda Martin and Sarah Terpening

Call to order: 5:30 PM by Kelly Hunkins

Approval of minutes from last meeting:

Motion made by Dave Berkstresser
Seconded by Mona Lincoln
Approved

Approval of treasurer's report:

Motion made by Kate Bartlet
Seconded by Joe Rintrona
Approved and entered into minutes

***As per the approved motion made at the last meeting, the Finance Committee will put \$100,000 into Brokered CDs. \$50,000 will go into a 6-month CD, and \$50,000 will go into a 12-month CD.

Director's Report:

- Programs have been well attended this winter and spring. We are working on the schedule for summer.
- The Spring Bookmark was published and distributed
- Kinderwood is now attending Story Time. We are happy to have established this relationship, and look forward to continuing to collaborate with them.
- We have the biggest attendance to Linking Lives that we can remember. We are so grateful for the students and volunteers who make this program so successful.
- The Friends will host an Open House on May 15th to show off the new flooring. All are invited to attend.

Old Business:

- We have signed a contract with Robin Wall Kimmerer to present on June 20, 2024 for the Regional Read. We have applied for LPCA Audience Building Grant for \$5000 to help offset our portion of her honorarium. We have also applied for a Humanities NY Action Grant for \$8000 to help with additional costs associated with the Regional Read.
- The concrete project for the garden should resume next week.
- Linda is working on the next round of Construction Grants. Intent to apply needs to be completed by June 21, 2023. Our application will include rebuilding the back porch and installing a handicap accessible door. We are still waiting on the architect's drawings and estimates for the cost to complete each project.
- All board members and staff must attend a sexual harassment training. There are sessions planned via zoom on June 1, 2023 at 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Please be sure to attend one of the sessions, or provide Linda with documentation that indicates training was attended at a different location.
- The groundskeeper position was advertised, and we have hired Matt Terpening for the position. We need to purchase a lawn mower for his use. Kate Bartlet made a motion, seconded by Liz Lorentzsen to purchase a riding mower and accessories from North Street Powersports at a cost not to exceed \$3200. The motion passed unanimously.

- There has still not been a date set for the installation of the security system. There was some miscommunication regarding the pricing, but the system should be installed soon.
- We have received \$25,000 from the NYSCA Capital Project grant. Those funds will go toward the garden project.
- New entry rugs have been ordered, and should arrive soon.
- Liz and Kelly reported on the recent Budget Hearings. There were very few questions regarding the library's proposition to increase our funding by \$20,000. Everyone was encouraged to vote on May 16, 2023.

New Business:

- We received a \$2400 grant from the Community Foundation Equity Grant that will be used to host a family-friendly pride month celebration at the end of June.

Adjournment at 6:55 PM:

Motion made by Mona Lincoln
Seconded by Kate Bartlet
Approved

Next meeting:

June 8, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Ehrensbeck
Recording Secretary
May 11, 2023