

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Marjorie Galen, presiding, Marty Nealon, Kathryn Shattuck, Kris Haberman, Sarah Buterbaugh, & Maria Gagliardi, recording

EXCUSED: Paul Riccobono

Marjorie called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm

Marjorie moved to approve the meeting minutes from the regular June 15 meeting and the special meeting on June 30. Kris seconded. All in favor.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT (Maria):

Personnel update – Maria is interviewing candidates for full time circulation position to replace Debbie Firestone who tendered her resignation as of August 2. Maria split Debbie's position and hired a bookkeeper as an independent contractor.

Frontline has added Verizon internet at much faster speeds than Optimum. We are not yet ready to cancel the Optimum service because it is tied up with the RCLS network and the emergency telephone in the elevator. We added VOIP phones that will be managed by Frontline. Frontline set up a new network but only the public computers are currently on the network. They set up new wifi access points that are working beautifully.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Operating Budget Report – things are on schedule. Insurance went up 10% and utility costs are up due to global conditions.

Summary Report of Restricted Funds – only an increase of \$300 in the Friends account

2020 Audit – \$73,000 in Grant money was received and deposited in 2020 but the auditor applied it to our 2021 books because that is the year the grant work was completed.

Report on Presentation to Town Board – there were no questions for us from the town council.

BUILDING REPORT

Richard Rasmussen will be doing our snow removal going forward

Michael Esmay and an assistant took measurements to create updated drawings

OLD BUSINESS

Pollinator Garden Proposal – Kathryn moved to approve, and Kris seconded, the final proposal from Nyack Pollinator Pathways to purchase \$1,000 in plants and charge \$1,000 in labor to install gardens at the signpost and Oak Tree Road fence. All in favor.

Chartered Service Area Update – no report

Debit Card Policy – no report other than we have not had any late payments in many months

Formation of Friends Group – exploring other options because it is expensive to create and the library has no control over the funds. We are looking into a separate bank account for fundraising dollars.

Farm Day – daytime activities are from 10am – 2pm. The cocktail and dinner is from 5:30pm – 8:30pm. There are currently 7 vendors lined up for the daytime and Mimi's Plate will do the evening catering. Lomar Farms is hosting this event as a fundraiser for the library.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposal to Restore Portrait of Lydia Lawrence – the board looked at the portrait and damage. They decided to consult a local expert, Lou Solerno, who may give us some guidance about the value of the painting and whether it is better to leave it alone or to restore it.

ILS Agreement – Several libraries looked into an alternative because the current ILS offered by RCLS is old, clunky, and expensive. Unfortunately, without firm commitments from other libraries, it is not feasible to go it alone because patrons would have more difficulty borrowing materials from other libraries.

Sarah moved and Yvonna seconded to approve the RCLS ILS Agreement and not submit it until October 1, 2022. All in favor.

RCLS Budget – tabled

Motion to Adjourn at 8:31 pm by Kathryn and seconded by Kris. All in favor