

EBCPL Library Meeting Minutes-August 17,2023

Meeting called to order by President Maureen O`Meara at 4:30. Present were Marcia Raponi, Lisa Clark, Rebecca Kemp, Mary Paige Lang-Clouse, Richard Arnold, Thomas Rue and Melanie Olson. Via Zoom: Maureen O`Meara (extraordinary circumstances) and Cecilia Kimble.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Rich, seconded by Melanie. Motion carried. (7 yay, 0 nay).

Approval of minutes July 20th: Motion by Marcia, seconded by Melanie. Motion carried. (7 yay,0 nay).

Correspondence: None received.

Public Comment: None.

Voucher Approval: Motion by Rich, seconded by Lisa. Motion carried. (7 yay, 0 nay).

Approval of Financials: Motion by Tom, seconded by Rich. Motion carried. (7 yay, 0 nay). Mary Paige will forward response from Cooper Arias to the Board.

Bills to be Paid: Motion by Lisa, seconded by Marcia. Motion carried. (7 yay, 0 nay).

Committee Reports:

Programming: At their meeting discussed "Shades" coming. Having a beekeeping program in September. Still deciding about Ashley Walker, an author, regarding how to publish a book program.

Policy: Deferred until September.

Building and Grounds: Mary Paige had Silverman come and treat tree roots. Still a few areas to be completed on the construction project of the teen room and the furniture needs to be finalized.

Youth Services: Report submitted by Mariana Sprouse.

IT Report: Report submitted by Leo Torres.

Monthly Statistics: Report submitted.

Friends of the Library: Lisa reported from the 8/8 meeting. \$13,176 in the account. Received two thank-you letters in the correspondence. Continuing to participate at Rock Hill and Monticello Farmers Market. Discussed volunteer times and organizing for the Bagel Festival on 8/13.

Director`s Report: The Bagel Festival was a successful event. Discussion regarding personnel resignations and interviewing for the Library Clerk Youth services fulltime position. Continuing to recruit for a full-time security guard to help cover all hours by contracting with a company.

Personnel: Did not meet this month.

Unfinished Business:

FOL Recognition for FOL Week 2023 a date still needs to be coordinated with the FOL.

Current Board Member Photo- to be completed in the new year.

Trustees Petitions: Information supplied to Rebecca and Rich regarding need to obtain signatures for their petitions and process. Tom noted that he is in the process of changing his domicile and business to the Narrowsburg area. Once this occurs, he can no longer serve on the Board.

New NYS exemption for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers it was determined that this does not apply to the library.

2024 Proposed Budget: Motion to utilize unallocated funds of \$180,000 as budget offset to keep budget increase below 2 % Tax Cap. Motion by Marcia, seconded by Tom. Motion carried. (7 yay, 0 nay).

Motion to approve the proposed 2024 library budget of \$1,547,156 which represents a 1.98% increase to the tax levy that amounts to a \$25,643 tax levy increase. Motion by Tom, seconded by Rich. Motion carried. (7 yay, 0 nay).

Adjournment: Motion by Marcia, seconded by Maureen. Motion carried (7 yay, 0 nay). Adjourned at 5:39.

September Reminders: Friends of the Library Meeting 9/12 Maureen O`Meara.

Vouchers: Rebecca Kemp

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Clark

September 8, 2023