

EBCPL Library Board Meeting Minutes DRAFT
Thursday, September 23, 2021
Approved October 21, 2021

Call to Order at 4:31 pm by President Lynn Skolnick remotely via Zoom. Participating were: Connie Keller, Steve Sharoff, Steve White, Marvin Rappaport, Marcia Raponi, and Mary Paige Lang-Clouse. Absent: Sari Rosenheck.

Motion for Approval of Minutes: Motion by Marcia, seconded by Steve White. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None.

Public Comment: None

Voucher Approval: motion by Marvin, second by Steve Sharoff. Motion carried.

Bills to be Paid: motion to approve by Steve White, seconded by Steve Sharoff. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Programming: Excellent line-up for October, including: concert by Shades, Hudson Valley's favorite pop/R&B band; Secrets of a Mockingbird: The Life of Harper Lee; presentation about the Civil Rights documentary "Alice's Ordinary People"; Power Point presentation on "Let's Go Hiking"; Psychic Cyndee returns again. Planning is also underway for November with Lee Karasik and Hudson Cooper, among others, making presentations.

Building & Grounds: Blinds in Community Room ordered. Delivery may be delayed due to Covid; Walk Through October 7 at 4pm.

Policy: Policy Committee meets on September 30 to discuss Emergency/Disaster Plan.

Personnel: Motion by Steve White, seconded by Steve Sharoff at 4:50pm to go into Executive Session to discuss employment history of a staff person. Motion carried. Returned from executive session at 5:27pm

Youth Services: see separate report by Cheryl Jones.

IT: No report this month as Jonathan Sager has resigned; we are seeking replacement.

Monthly Statistics: print books see significant increase while e-books remain the same.

Friends of the Library: Planning Great Give Back Litter Pluck for October 13 from 2-4; The Friends of the Garden, Sullivan County, lead by Susan Dollard, will be named Friend of the Year for 2021. Celebration to take place 10/12/2021 at 5:30pm during the Friends regular meeting. Trex benches - almost enough plastic for the third bench. Will not collect anymore plastic at this time. NYLA virtual conference end of October 2021. 9/30/21 Friends webinar 2 pm at EBCPL; also RCLS sponsoring a Parliamentarian class 6:30 to 7:30pm. Friends requesting all board members renew their Friends membership if they have not yet done so.

Director's Report: Making arrangements for voting on October 6 for election of three trustees and vote on 2022 budget. In person outdoor programming continues until colder weather sets in. We are partnering with Workforce Development to offer job fair in our parking lot on October 12 from 1-4 pm. We are having a coat collection box in lobby next couple weeks to support Monticello Rotary. Outdoor handicap door has been repaired. Need to examine sewage line for roots growing into pipe. Still awaiting smaller book arch repairs and working on minor items for the outdoor stage. We are awaiting feedback from RCLS on our grant application for construction of teen space and additional office on second floor. SUPLA making plans for 2022 Sullivan County Youth Book Festival on Saturday, May 21 here on library grounds again. We continue to stay current with NYS and County re rules and procedures for Covid-19 compliance.

Old Business

Covid-19 Update: Motion by Marvin, second by Steve Sharoff to require staff to be vaccinated or to obtain negative test (rapid) before entering library building, such testing to be done on their library work time. Motion carried.

Friends of the Library Recognition: Friends of the Garden recognition at FOL October 12 meeting at 5:30 pm.

New Business

RCLS 2021 Operating Budget & Budget hearings: Tuesday, 9/28 and Thursday, 9/30

Staff Appointments: Motion made by Connie, second by Steve White to approve hiring of security attendant Anthony Liu and Principal Account Clerk Patricia Gold. Motion carried.

Resolution: The application and accompanying documents for public library construction aid to be administered in accordance with the requirements of Education Law 273-a (as amended by Chapter 148 of the laws of 2014) and Commissioner's Regulations 90.12 was read and duly adopted on motion by Marvin and second by Lynn, and the conditions outlined in the RCLS Assurance letter have been accepted by the Board of Trustees of the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library. Motion by Steve White, 2nd by Marcia Raponi. Carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Marvin, seconded by Marcia at 5:50 pm. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 4:30 pm.