

EBCPL Library Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 17, 2020 – Approved October 15, 2020

Call to Order at 4:30 pm by President Lynn Skolnick remotely via Zoom. Participating were: Connie Keller, Steve Sharoff, Steve White, Marvin Rappaport, Marcia Raponi, Sari Rosenheck and Mary Paige Lang-Clouse. Also attending: Alasha Santiago.

Motion for Approval of August 20, 2020 Minutes by Connie, seconded by Sari. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Thank you note to Sari from Peter Fletcher who performed virtually on his classical guitar. Thank you note from Grace Rosario, RCLS Executive Director, for inviting her to report to us at our last BOT meeting.

Public Comment: None

Voucher Approval: motion by Sari, second by Steve White. Motion carried.

Bills to be Paid: motion to approve and include check to Delta for \$1022.80 that was handwritten after check register & detail were run by Marvin, seconded by Sari. Motion carried.

Reports:

Committees

Programming: committee working on virtual programs for October and November. The panel on Working in the Borscht Belt has had about 1,000 views on our YouTube page. Another Borscht Belt panel is scheduled for October 8, this time with owners of several former resorts who will describe their experiences. We discussed the idea of having sponsorships for our programs by local merchants to assist with budget for programming.

Building & Grounds: Template for indoor and outdoor tasks is still being updated so we can keep track of necessary servicing of these items; Friends of the Library have agreed to contribute up to \$3,500 toward a new outdoor book drop which is secure and does not allow outside air into the building. We are still examining ways to fix the current book drop so as to be more secure and weather proof. Portico repairs and book arch still awaiting completion before winter. Storm drains from the Village parking still in need of fixing before ice forms, etc.

Policy: draft policy tabled until October meeting to reserve our outside space only for library sponsored or co-sponsored events since we do not have sufficient staff to patrol outside, oversee clean up and set up, etc. Mary Paige will check wording of our Norris Room policy to compare.

Youth Services: see separate report by Cheryl Jones. Social Media update: 11,000 people reached by our Facebook page and posts have been liked or shared almost 1,400 times. Our email list reached more than 12,800 users last month.

IT: see separate report by Jonathan Sager. We had been asked about the painting of Ethelbert B. Crawford so Jonathan created a place on our website where all those hanging in the library can be viewed. It can easily be reached by link on our homepage. Special thanks to Jonathan for his expertise and for helping to make our virtual programs so well received. Viewers continue to click on our YouTube page and view our recent programs. Patrons can subscribe to our YouTube site so that they will be notified when new programs are added.

Monthly Statistics: e-books continue to see significant use due to Corona.

Friends of the Library: Marcia attended virtually and reported that Friends have about \$15,000 in their account; have gained some new members; will contribute to our book drop up to \$3,500; have collected 400 pounds of plastic for the Trex bench; considering an online auction, possibly for the quilt donated to the library by Shirley Hornbeck that was auctioned off and donated back; and the Youth Book Festival has been postponed until 2022.

Directors Report: See separate report. Making arrangements for vote October 7 to elect two trustees and vote on the 2021 library budget. Working on outdoor signs saying masks required on library property. Still following up on book arch and kiosk with solar-powered device charging station. Generator testing malfunction has been corrected.

Old Business

2021 Budget Vote & Trustee Election: Wednesday, October 7, 2020, 3pm-8pm. Four candidates for two seats held by Marcia and Sari, who are both seeking re-election.

Sylvia Baidowsky to be honored as 2020 Friend of the Library at October 13th Friends of the Library Meeting.

New Business

RCLS Annual Meeting, September 25 via remote.

RCLS 2021 Operating Budget & Budget hearings

Each RCLS Member Library BOT should vote by November 30, 2020

Adjournment motion by Marcia, seconded by Connie at 5:30 pm. Motion carried

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 4:30 pm.