

Library Board of Trustees January 23, 2023

The regular meeting of the Village Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:03 pm on Monday, January 23, 2022 by Ann Bohara.

Present

- Maria Long, Knicki Knickerbocker, Ann Bohara, Sheri Kaufman, Cindy Line, Kate Shuhler, Holli Schvom, Mary Umble - library staff, Becky Wanamaker (district consultant), Amy Resh (administrator at the system office).

Acceptance of the last two meeting's minutes

- The minutes of November were approved.
- Motion made by Shari Kaufman and seconded by Holli Schvom.. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

Mary represented the Library staff about their concerns with what is going on in the library.

Concerns included:

- Safety
- Hours lost
- Loss of pay
- Difficulty getting their work done in less hours

The Board worked to assure the staff that the hours that were cut are only temporary and we are concerned about staff safety also.

Township Supervisor - Lori Stoltz is going to be our Township Liaison.

Correspondence

- Maria handed off the purchasing agreement to Holli.

Treasurer's report

We ended the year with a \$15,781 loss. We will need to look into tightening the budget in 2023. Cindy moved to accept the Treasurers report and Sheri seconded.

Director's report

- Library Operations
 - We doubled last years circulation - 51,000 books
 - 242 new members for 2022 - increase over last year

- Craft Fair was a success. Next year the hope to have it in October. The teens raised \$613.
- Rock the Library Award - Outstanding Fundraising Efforts!!
- Carol received a nomination for Outstanding Staff Member
- The library received an outstanding library program nomination.
- The ceremony will be 3/1/23 at the Ag Center at 6:30.
- Career link has teamed up with the library to have financial programs
- Continue Gold Star Maintenance.
- Pam has been working on the Ready, Set Read Grant.
- Maria will be going to a State Webinar.

Friends of the Library -

2/11 - 9-11 - kids event. Falling in Love with Books. Lauren Nappi is in charge.

1/27 - there will be a table - Blind Date with a Book. Kids, Teens and Adults.

They are working on organizing a Book club with the Morgantown Coffee House and maybe Kob Hill.

5 regulars in the Friends Group currently.

Election of Officers.

President - Ann Bohara

Vice President - Cindy Line

Treasurer - Holli Schvom

Secretary - Knicki Knickerbocker

- this was tabled until after the executive session and was then tabled to a later meeting.

Unfinished Business

Agreement with Aaron - We got our first check for \$197 for the books he took. He has consigned half the books he kept to sell.

Fundraising updated - We are looking for a list of donations. We have not closed out the donations for 2022. It depends on when donations are dated.

Township outreach updates - Ann has been going to Township meetings. She asked them to up their donation from 1.5% to 5% per capita. She hopes to go to February's meeting. Amy offered to give us some resources about talking to Municipalities.

New Business

Ann handed out her proposal Notes on Fundraising and Planning for 2023. Ideas and hopes for 2023. Calendar of Events, milestones, check in and update mechanisms, areas that need direction. Ann discussed how to go about setting fundraising goals and activities. Setting a quarterly calendar of events. Financial stability - we are working on getting more stable. Working on goals - getting staff back to their hours. Future growth. Community outreach, grants, Township outreach. We will discuss the "Work of the Board" at a future meeting. Will need to probably meet separately from regular board meetings.

Shari noted that we need to have a known leader of each.

We need to recruit new Board Members - currently we need one to replace Lauren Nappi. Maria suggested using Linked - In and Social Media.

The Board then convened the Executive Session at 7:20 pm.

The Executive session ended at 8:27 and the meeting resumed.

Shari motioned to table the elections and Cindy seconded.

Motion to end the meeting by Cindy, seconded by Sheri. The meeting ended at 8:30pm.

Next Meeting: 6:00 PM February 27, 2023

Library Mission statement:

The Village Library provides resources, services, programs, and technology to enrich lives, build community, and foster success.