

APPROVED MINUTES
KINDERHOOK MEMORIAL LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JUNE 9TH, 2021

Present

Ann Birckmayer
AnnaLee Dragon, Director
Jim Fleming
Lee Jamison
M. Carol Leber
Michael Leonard

Brad Lohrenz
Kathryn Schneider, Secretary
Marian Sole
Gary Spielmann, President
Karen Vecellio, Vice President
Mark Wilson

Excused

Patricia Altman, Marisa Rothstein, Jim Tuttle

Guests

Maria Orlando

Call to Order/Announcements: Spielmann called the meeting to order at 7:17pm. Schneider took roll.

Public Comments:

May Minutes: A motion to approve the May minutes with minor corrections was made by Wilson, seconded by Jamison, and passed without dissent.

Friends of the Library: Orlando reported that a pop-up book sale at the Kinderhook Farmer's Market sold out quickly. Another is planned on August 14th in conjunction with a garden tour. At this time the Friends are planning to hold their annual book sale at the McNary Center September 18-19th. Work on revisions to their bylaws continues.

Director's Report: Dragon thanked the Friends for buying the New York Times for the library. She attended a community meet and greet with Congressman Delgado at Broad Street Bagel and invited him to visit the library when his schedule permits. The library was unlocked and open to the public May 25th, and although curbside delivery continues, there is much less demand for this service. Patrons are still required to wear masks inside primarily because of the presence of unvaccinated children and most people have been cooperative. On July 6th the library will return to its regular pre-pandemic hours of operation. Dragon reported that she and the library staff have been working on the July newsletter which will highlight the summer reading program with the Bookie Monster. Decodable readers, acquired through donations and a small grant, have begun to arrive, and she plans to highlight the acquisition of this unique community resource during her presentation at the Ichabod Crane Board of Education meeting in July.

Treasurer's Report: Birckmayer reported for Tuttle calling attention to two new items, prepayment for fuel oil and donations for the decodable readers.

April Expenditures: Wilson reviewed and approved the April check register (\$13,205.23) and Mastercard bill (\$1,540.58) ahead of the meeting.

June Expenditures: Powis volunteered to review the June expenditures for the July meeting.

Building and Grounds Committee: Dragon reported for Altman that the committee has begun review of the library's facilities plan. Committee members are contacting vendors to determine lifespans and costs for maintenance and replacement but businesses are busy with work at this time of year so she expects this will take time.

Finance Committee: Birckmayer reported for Tuttle that Rothstein has written a draft investment policy that is being reviewed by the committee.

Operations Committee: Vecellio reported that the committee had not met and had nothing to report. She noted that the state has a new policy on airborne infections and we are awaiting further guidance.

Fundraising Committee: Sole reported that the next fundraising activity will be the annual appeal.

Old Business

Spielmann stated that he will review the signed petitions and work with the town clerks in Kinderhook and Stuyvesant to see that they are authenticated at the July board meetings. He advised that employees and trustees may not advocate for the 414 propositions but the Friends will do this for us. Dragon noted that the screens for the library addition have been located.

New Business

Public Comments

The Good of the Order:

Trustee Assignments:

Sunday Coverage: TBD

Next meeting: July 14, 2021

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Lohrenz, seconded by Leber, and passed without dissent. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.