

*APPROVED MINUTES*  
**KINDERHOOK MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**

**Present**

Patricia Altman  
Ann Birckmayer  
AnnaLee Dragon, Director  
Jim Fleming  
Lee Jamison  
M. Carol Leber  
Brad Lohrenz

Bernadette Powis  
Marisa Rothstein  
Kathryn Schneider, Secretary  
Marian Sole  
Gary Spielmann, President  
Mark Wilson

**Excused**

Michael Leonard, Jim Tuttle, Karen Vecellio

**Guests**

Judy Van Allen; Marie Orlando, Friends of the Library

**Call to Order/Announcements:** Spielmann called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Schneider took role.

**Public Comments:**

**March Minutes:** A motion to approve the March minutes was made by Sole, seconded by Altman, and passed without dissent.

**Friends of the Library:** Orlando reported that the Friends are having their first pop-up book sale at the Farmer's Market on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The Friends are also exploring new, safe ways to accept book donations from the public.

**Director's Report:** Dragon informed the board that the Library received a \$2,000 grant from the Berkshire-Taconic foundation to purchase decoded books, which are designed to help readers with dyslexia.

**Treasurer's report:** Birckmayer informed the board that the Library appears to be in great financial shape, and fielded questions from the board regarding the Profit & Loss report.

**February Expenditures:** Sole reviewed and approved the February check register (\$8,866.07) and Mastercard bill (\$1,600.36).

**March Expenditures:** Powis volunteered to review the March expenditures for the May meeting.

**Building and Grounds Committee:** Altman reported that the committee will discuss updating the facilities plan located on the website, which predates the addition to the Library. Dragon

reported that Library volunteer Carol Corrigan has begun coordinating volunteers to water the grounds and gardens.

**Finance Committee:** Birckmayer reported that Rothstein is currently reviewing all financial policies, and the committee has two recommendations.

The committee recommended hiring SVT Bookkeeping to handle the Library's bookkeeping needs, which are currently being managed by Judy Van Allen. A motion to hire SVT Bookkeeping was made by Sole, seconded by Fleming, and passed without dissent.

The committee also discussed increasing the crime liability insurance coverage to \$500,000 from \$250,000. A motion to increase the Library's crime liability coverage through Utica insurance was made by Sole, seconded by Powis, and passed without dissent.

**Operations Committee:** Nothing to report.

**Fundraising Committee:** Nothing to report.

### **Old Business**

414 Petition Legislation: Dragon reviewed the background of the 414 and why the Library would be pursuing one again this year. The Library is looking to replace the public computers, which are over 5 years old, as well as increase digital content offerings to patrons.

A few trustees raised concerns about pursuing a 414 during the Covid-19 pandemic, considering that some members of the community may be struggling financially. The board discussed the cost increases, and the benefits and drawbacks of postponing the 414. Spielmann discussed the history of the 414s and the timeline of the board pursuing one. The total increase to Library funding would be \$13,000, which is a breakdown of \$11,375 from Kinderhook and \$1,625 from Stuyvesant. A motion to continue with the initial plan to pursue the 414 this year was for forward, and Schnieder took roll. The motion varied with a vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, and 3 not voting.

### **New Business**

A. Roll Call Vote to Override Tax Cap (Schneider) Spielman asked for a motion from the board to override the tax cap should the board pursue a 414 in 2021. A motion to override the tax cap for the towns of Stuyvesant and Kinderhook was put forward, and Schneider took roll. The motion carried with a vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, and 3 not voting.

### **Public Comments**

**Trustee Assignments:**

**Sunday Coverage:** TBD

**Next meeting:** May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Powis, seconded by Fleming, and passed without dissent. Meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.