

Old Forge Library
Board of Trustees
August meeting: December 10, 2020

Present (Zoom):

David Berkstresser, Kirsten Down, Mary Ellen Denio, Jennifer Hartsig, Kelly Hunkins, Liz Lorentzen
Mona Lincoln, Joseph Rintrona, Kathy Rivet and Linda Weal, Library Director

Absent:

Judy Ehrensbeck, Don Kelly

Meeting called to order:

5:30 PM by Kirsten Down

Approval of minutes from last meeting:

Motion made by Jennifer Hartsig
Seconded by Kathy Rivet
Approved

Approval of treasurer's report:

Motion made by Liz Lorentzen
Seconded by Joe Rintrona
Approved and entered into the minutes

Finance: Still no resolution on Non-Profit status. Kirsten proposes checking with a lawyer by mid-late January if no response. Board agrees. Finance Committee preparing to meet on 12/15 @ 4 PM to discuss savings account funds and 5 year plan.

Director's report:

- The library continues to see usage inline with expectations during the pandemic.
- Programs offered are virtual or outdoors (Winter Solstice). Virtual crafts nights popular.
- Reed Proper retired and had a heartfelt send off. Eric Carr has begun as the library caretaker.
- Local Library Survey will be available for the public soon.
- Hoopla for OF Library now live, will be advertised to public within a few weeks.
- New regulations require additional policy information to be posted on website.
- Friends will buy doggie waste station for grounds. Considering paver fund raiser and modifications to Bash raffle.

Old Business:

- Linda still meeting weekly with Mid York directors via Zoom. Many other MY libraries are reducing services due to Covid.
- Policy Committee will update next month on 5 year plan and mandatory pandemic policy, due April 2021.
- MY also updating Plan of Service and looking for focus group participants.
- In person programs still restricted- no Sweetheart Bake-Off, poetry and illustration contest or other annual favorites in 2021.

New Business:

- Linda solicited board opinions on a Black History virtual (musical) program. Board supportive and Linda will move forward with planning.
- Linda sorting through DVD collection donation.
- Will continue with restrictions on outside groups using the library into the winter.
- Library will add open hours on Saturdays and Mondays.

- Staff and board encouraged to ‘test drive’ Hoopla services over the next couple of weeks to work out kinks before it is advertised to the public.
- The Evergreen Wish List tree is not receiving as many donations this year (as to be expected). Linda and Board discussed efficient ways to promote, but agreed that it was not something that made sense to spend too much time/effort redoing website etc. Linda will consult with Beth about highlighting on social media this season.

Directors Report

Motion made by Mona Lincoln

Seconded by Joe Rintrona

Approved

The director and the board expressed mutual admiration and appreciation for the hard work done by library staff and volunteers during tumultuous 2020. All are in agreement that the library has risen to the challenges and met the community needs, and everyone is hopeful for better times ahead.

Adjournment at 6:35 PM:

Motion made by Jennifer Hartsig

Seconded by David Berksdresser

Approved

Next meeting:

January 14, 2021 at 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Hartsig,

Corresponding Secretary

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