

Old Forge Library  
Board of Trustees  
June meeting: June 9, 2022

Present:

Dave Berkstresser, Judy Ehrensbeck, Jennifer Hartsig, Kelly Hunkins, Mona Lincoln, Liz Lorentzen, Linda Martin, Joseph Rintrona, and Linda Weal

Absent:

Kate Bartlet, Kathy Rivet, and Sarah Terpening,

Meeting called to order:

5:30 PM by Kelly Hunkins

Approval of minutes from last meeting:

Motion made by Dave Berkstresser  
Seconded by Linda Martin  
Approved

Approval of treasurer's report:

Motion made by Jennifer Hartsig  
Seconded by Joe Rintrona  
Approved and entered into the minutes

Director's report:

- The summer schedule is just about finished. It will be a summer filled with many great, diverse programs.
- Linking Lives ended on Thursday. It was a small, but enthusiastic, group.
- The Artist Reception on May 27<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. Lots of art enthusiasts and library patrons in attendance.
- The library will be closed on June 20<sup>th</sup> in observance of Juneteenth
- There will be a Summer Solstice celebration on June 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 4:00 PM.
- The library will move to their summer hours at the end of June. Staff adjustments will be made to accommodate the programs and concerts.
- Kate Messner's visit has been postponed again. She has suggested a few authors who may be able to join us in 2022 or 2023. Linda and Judy will work on this.
- Linda was featured on Moose Radio talking about the "Coffee with a Cop" program that occurred last week. It was a great opportunity for publicity for the library.
- The annual Mid-York report that compares all of the area libraries showed many positives for our library. We are far ahead of most libraries in terms of programming.
- The Friends have donated \$1000 toward the new printer. They have also confirmed the date of the BASH for August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Old Business:

- The new printer arrived and the staff is getting used to it.
- Chimney repair has been done, and the windows are nearly all installed. There was some discussion about the two small windows that face Niccoll's Church. Apparently, only one was ordered by the contractor. It will cost \$2000 to get the second window. The Board asked Linda to see if the contractor will cover their mistake. Or, we can send back the one window and not replace either of them.
- Two of the small metal (temporary) benches have been bent beyond repair. Eric Carr has taken them to the dump. Marsha Pauling has donated \$2000 and an additional \$150 for one of the permanent benches to be named in memory of George Villiere.
- Mint Cleaning has started their work at the library. There is a marked difference in the look of

the library. They have requested that the library purchase a second vacuum. The Board has decided to not make that purchase at this time, and will revisit the request in the fall or winter.

- There is a quote of \$37,000 from Stone Age Landscaping, and we are waiting on a quote from Terry Horan, regarding the paths and excavation for the garden. Once the second quote arrives, the Board will decide how to move forward with the new paths and walkways.
- There will be one more Sexual Harassment training session for any Board members who still need this mandatory training.
- The final draft of the Fund Appeal letter is ready to go to print. We will print it in-house on the new printer. There are several envelopes and inserts left from previous years, so we will use them up before ordering more.
- Linda shared a sample snow removal contract with the Board. When we contract with the snow removal company next winter, we need to include shoveling in the contract.
- Kelly reported that Chris Russell is unable to serve as our maintenance/custodial person. He suggested two other names, and Linda heard back from Mr. Lavelle that he was not able to get affordable insurance. He is willing to work for a limited time as an employee of the library. We will continue to search for just the right fit.
- We did not receive the AARP Community Challenge Grant.
- Monies have been coming in for the Cloudsplitter match grant. We should reach the \$10,000 goal in a few months.
- CAA approved \$1400 funding for the Fairy Door program.
- We are intending to apply for the 2022 Construction Grant. The deadline is June 24<sup>th</sup>. Linda has received a quote from Big Apple Music for a new security system and is waiting to hear back from Taz Electronics. Linda will also see if the garden paths are fundable with the grant.
- We have received \$10,000 from Community Foundation.
- We will apply for NYSCA grants, though they are no longer offering grants in the same way.
- The Board discussed the satellite food pantry, and agreed to continue to support this as the need for food continues to grow in the community, especially with the return of the international workers.

New business:

- Linda will apply to the Adirondack League Club Fund for funds for the garden.
- Rainbow Zen has donated \$250 to sponsor the July 5<sup>th</sup> gazebo concert.
- There have been inquiries from patrons as to what the library will do with the old windows. The Board agreed to donate them to whomever would like them.
- Sarah Cohen has offered \$500 to go toward flowers to enhance the benches that line the sidewalk. Linda will talk to her about getting some potted ferns.

Adjournment at 6:40 PM:

Motion made by Mona Lincoln  
Seconded by Dave Berkstresser  
Approved

Next meeting:

July 14, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Ehrensbeck  
Recording Secretary  
June 9, 2022