Old Forge Library
Board of Trustees
May meeting: June 8, 2023

Present: Kate Bartlet, Dave Berkstresser, Judy Ehrensbeck, Kelly Hunkins, Mona Lincoln, Liz Lorentzsen, Linda Martin, Reed Proper, Kathy Rivet, and Linda Weal

Absent: Joe Rintrona and Sarah Terpening

Call to order: 5:30 PM by Kelly Hunkins

Approval of minutes from last meeting: Approval of treasurer’s report:
Motion made by Linda Martin Motion made by Reed Proper
Seconded by Kate Bartlet Seconded by Dave Berkstresser
Approved Approved and entered into minutes

***The Finance Committee put $100,000 into Brokered CDs. $50,000 into a 6-month CD, and $50,000 into a 12-month CD.

Director’s Report:
• The Seed Library has been well utilized, and we are now growing gourmet mushrooms.
• All spring sessions of Story Time and Linking Lives have been completed.
• Friends are working raffle items for the BASH and have created a framework for selling raffle tickets.

Old Business:
• The concrete project for the garden has resumed. Concrete was poured and pavers should go in next week.
• Andre Newton has resumed the restoration of the totem pole and it should be completed soon. The tree at the bottom of the ramp will be removed and that space will become the home for the restored totem pole. We will also plant some native pollinator plants around the pole to enhance the area.
• The lawn mower has been purchased at a cost well below the projected cost, and groundskeeping has begun. The tent has been put up for the summer.
• New entry rugs look great with many compliments.
• The new security system should be in place soon.
• All grant applications have been completed and we have received the following: $1400 from Community Foundation Senior Grant round which will go toward programming at Lakeside Terrace. We are still waiting to hear from some of them.
• We were denied the request of $8000 for the Humanities NY Action Grant which was to go toward Robin Wall Kimmerer’s presentation fee and book give away. We will seek other funds while we are also waiting to hear back from the LPCA Audience Building Grant for $5000.
• We are still waiting for the quote and drawings from the architect regarding the rebuilding of the back porch/storage area.
• All Trustees are reminded that they need to attend two training sessions annually. There are sessions offered via zoom that would suffice. One is on June 20th, and the other is August 15th.
New Business:
- Mohawk Valley Economic Development has given a quote to Linda for a geothermal heating system.
- Reed has offered to donate items from the Farmers’ Market for our satellite food pantry.
- There are some loose boards on the roof over the main entrance. These should be looked at in the near future as we get closer to the summer and busier days at the library.

Adjournment at 6:20 PM:
  Motion made by Mona Lincoln
  Seconded by Linda Martin
  Approved

Next meeting:
  July 13, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Ehrensbeck
Recording Secretary
June 8, 2023