

Hazard Library Association
Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, March 8, 2021

PRESENT: Nancy Hart, Connie Rejman, Deb Beyea, Patricia Covert, Lisa Semenza, Betsy Donald

ABSENT: Bess Simkin, and guest, Sandy Chandler, (who was having trouble with Zoom)

The meeting was called to order by President, Nancy Hart, at 7:10 p.m. The meeting was held on Zoom.

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING: A motion was made by Deb and seconded by Patricia to approve the minutes. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Patricia reported that every account is up-to-date and reconciled. Great news!

Nancy asked about the -\$5,311.06. It was noted that some was spending but there is a \$200 discrepancy. We agreed that we don't understand what some terms mean. The Annual Appeal income is now over \$9,000. Lisa paid \$1,000 for e-media. Since Patricia was not able to attend the February meeting, we did not approve the report at the February meeting. A motion was made by Connie and seconded by Deb to approve the February Treasurer's Report. Carried. A motion was then made by Connie and seconded by Deb to approve the March Treasurer's Report. Carried.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

FEBRUARY: Kindness Initiative has had few return to get their books. Maybe too many items needed to be checked off (10)? Maybe just burnout? We are extending through March and encouraging students to return their forms to school. We have plenty of books to give away and may supplement them for an all-school giveaway at some point.

FEBRUARY 17: Directors' Meeting with Sarah Glogowski

- On 1/30 NYS Legislature enacted that municipalities can defer payments from taxes (or pay in installments). This may affect getting funding from school districts.
- Virtual Advocacy Day was discussed. Representatives from NYLA met with the Legislature to discuss the purpose of library systems and what they provide to member libraries.
- Library systems need to report to the State each month on the status of each library (open hours, types of services provided, etc.). At this time, our library is open 18 1/2 hours a week. The norm is 21 hours. Providing only "curbside" services does not meet the state definition of "open" even though services are being provided to the public. It says that we are to still meet on Zoom. When Nancy meets with Pat Helming, she will ask about this.
- The South Central Regional Library Council (SCRLC) will be renting space from FLLS beginning in the summer. They currently have an office in Ithaca. They provide shared services to Allegany, Broome, Cayuga, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Otsego, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins, and Yates Counties. This includes the "Ask a Lawyer" service.

- The State still has no concept of where libraries fit into the scheme of things. They didn't have us in a phase for reopening and now don't have library workers in a phase for vaccinations even though we are front-line workers. The argument is a Catch-22. They say we aren't all open and still doing curbside services, so aren't in contact with the public with NYLA saying if workers could get vaccinated, then libraries could be more open.
- Not sure how long Governor's executive orders will be in place. Extensions of open-meetings law continue to happen on a monthly basis so we can still meet on Zoom.
- CARES Act continues to be under review at the State level. FLLS is not sure when they will get the money needed to reimburse the member libraries for COVID supplies.

FEBRUARY 17: Lisa also attended the second meeting of FLLS Social Justice Book Club which meets quarterly. Discussed at the meeting was "How to Be an Antiracist" by Ibram X. Kendi.

FEBRUARY 18: FALCONS (Finger Lakes Automated Library Consortium)

- Lisa is currently the Vice Chair — Not much else happened. We don't need to purchase a new computer this year. There is discussion of changing the Circulation system. (Lisa paid the first half of our Polaris fees for 2021 this week and our yearly domain fee and antivirus.)

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22: Follow-Up Community Read discussions focusing on the book "Why are all the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?" — All were held on Zoom. Lisa had a group of 4 that joined her on 2/24 in the afternoon.

FEBRUARY 26: Virtual Advocacy Day — Nancy and Patricia joined Lisa along with some other area library workers and FLLS representatives to talk to Assemblyman John Lemondes. He appears to be a library supporter, however, is being cautious. Nancy noted that he is a supporter of real books — not electronics.

FEBRUARY 28: Lisa submitted the Annual Report.

MARCH 3: Book Club met on Zoom to discuss "Fer-de-Lance" by Rex Stout with 11 members present.

MARCH 6: The barcode scanner stopped working mid-checkout. A new one is on order (\$22 from Amazon) just in case this one doesn't revitalize. It should be here by Wednesday.

UPCOMING:

MARCH 9: Pat Helming's Advocacy meeting (she was not available on 2/26). Nancy will represent us. Lisa has a conflict. Only one person from the library can speak.

MARCH 10: Rosen Grant 2021 application is due. Lisa is in discussion with Sandy and Elaine as to what to do this year. We have a lot of the 2020 funds left which can be repurposed. A new grant is being written asking for continuing to work with the School & Food Pantry. Nancy needs to sign off for the Grant.

MARCH 11 AND 16: Sandy and Lisa will do their monthly Pre-K Story Time adding Head Start along with UPK this month. These will be done on Zoom (Head Start) and Google Meet (UPK).

MARCH 17: Monthly Director Meeting with Sarah Glogowski. Lisa will be unable to attend due to a doctor's appointment.

MARCH 26: Lisa is registered to attend the NYLA Youth Services Section (YSS) Conference to be held virtually.

ITEMS for DISCUSSION:

There is a POTHOLE in the parking area near the library on the State right-away. This is where our patrons park. Nancy suggested Lisa call and report the pothole north of the Library to the NYSDP at the Auburn Office. Deb will ask her brother, Stephen Fedrizzi, who is the Road Superintendent for the Town of Venice, if he has a contact person.

SUMMER READING PLANS: Lisa would like to hold in-person programs this summer. Opendore has said they would allow us to use their outdoor area if we need more space. Deb motioned and Connie seconded that we hold our summer program in person following COVID guidelines. Lisa mentioned that we have a tent we can set up if it is rainy. It is also possible to use the Poplar Ridge Fire Department as a relocation if it is rainy. There is also about \$300 left from FLCAG grant. We may be able to get Captain Jack from Auburn or do an Art Workshop as possible programs.

- Science on the Lawn will be on Tuesday mornings for 6 weeks (3 weeks in July, and 3 weeks in August).
- Possible art-based programs on Thursdays.
- Ukulele Camp is a go. It will run 5 weeks from July 15 to mid-August. The day of the week still needs to be confirmed, but looking at Thursdays.
- Possibly local performers only.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ANNUAL MEETING - APRIL 12 on ZOOM. Dana Hall, volunteer member with OWLA (Owasco Watershed Lake Association) will do a PROGRAM on WOOLLY ADELGIDS. He has done the program before which Nancy has heard and felt it would be of interest to people in the area. He said that he would happy to do the program for us.
- Annual Report - Lisa will prepare the brochure for the annual report. Betsy motioned and Deb seconded to approve the annual report. (The information was sent via e-mail). Carried.
- New Board Members - Kathy Button suggested Beth Frazier and Sonjia Turner. Connie will check with Pat Berry and Trudy and Ron Buxenbaum. Both Nancy and Betsy's terms are up, so we will need a new President and Secretary.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Connie asked again about the possibility of a BOOK SALE as the bins will again be put out April 1. She will let Carolyn and Scott know. She noted that many people are asking about a sale. They are rapidly running out of space to store all the donated books. Connie asked about a spring sale, but Nancy did not feel it was safe yet, and that we should aim for a summer sale. It was suggested

that we check with Ken Knight and Brian Dugan if they have keys to any other rooms at the Emily Howland Building that we might be able to use. Dates for the sale would be July 31 - August 8 with set-up dates July 25-30. Trucking leftover books to Ithaca would be the following Tuesday. Nancy will talk with Kathy to see if she is interested in helping with the Book Sale.

There were no announcements.

The next meeting will be our ANNUAL MEETING ON ZOOM ON MONDAY, APRIL 12.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,
Betsy Donald, Secretary