

Hazard Library Association Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, May 10, 2021

The meeting was held on Zoom.

PRESENT: Nancy Hart, Deb Beyea, Sonjia Turner, Connie Rejman, Patricia Covert,
Bess Simkin, Betsy Donald, Lisa Semenza

ABSENT: Sandy Chandler

President, Nancy Hart, called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made by Patricia and seconded by Connie to accept the Secretary's Report. Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT: Past monies from the Rosen Grant have now all been spent with programs through school and the Food Pantry. Lisa has been selling older DVDs for \$1.00 each. In three days she had sold \$30 worth. She is now adding books that have been discarded and would have gone to the book sale anyway. We all felt this was a good idea as there are so many books already for the book sale and the sorters have pretty much run out of storage space. We have received the last 10% of our 2020 funding for local library services aid. A motion was made by Deb and seconded by Bess to accept the Treasurer's Report. Carried.

REPORT ON MEETING WITH CAYUGA BANK REP: When Lynn Bowen from Cayuga Lake National Bank was discussing our CD's, she thought the reason we had several was just that they were all opened at different times. Sonjia asked what our goal is for these funds. They are basically a safety net and can be used for possible expansion. If we were to expand into the Post Office space, our lease extends until 2027, therefore, nothing could be done until then. Pat discussed the bank accounts we currently have (checking, savings, money market) and felt it would make sense to move some of the funds from the checking account to the money market account, and combine the savings and money market accounts. Nancy asked if we are able to do a conference call with the Bank and Patricia will check into this.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

POTHoles: Lisa said we have more potholes along Poplar Ridge Road behind the library building in front of where Lisa and Linda park. Deb said that she would speak to Stephen Fedrizzi (her brother and Town of Venice Highway Superintendent) to see if he can again help to fill in this additional area. He did a great job on the area out in front where people park.

BIRDS: There are robins on the porch with nests. It was suggested that we make this an educational opportunity and Sonjia said she will ask her boys to make a sign. Connie said she would check with the Cornell Ornithology Lab to see what we can do to discourage them after the eggs are hatched and the babies are gone.

OFFENSIVE FLAG: A flag has been put up on the neighbor's lawn just west of the library on Poplar Ridge Road that seems to be offensive to some patrons of the library and they have been calling the library to complain. Our library is open to all and we are to remain neutral. Since it is not on our property, it is not our position to do anything.

We all introduced ourselves to Sonjia and she told us about herself.

APRIL 13: The Septic System was pumped. It was approximately 6 months before the alarm went off this time.

APRIL 20: Sandy and Lisa presented their monthly Story Time (virtually) for the UPK and Head Start Classes. Emily Howland is now in attendance 5 days each week and class sizes have been increased. UKP is a single class, but Head Start is still going on alternating days.

APRIL 29: Patricia and Lisa met with Lynn Bowen from Cayuga Lake National Bank. She discussed our accounts and supplied current interest rates for various types of savings accounts/CD's/Money Market. Lisa attached that information to her email and gave a link for the recorded meeting if anyone would like to listen to it.

MAY 3: Social Justice Book Club through FLLS met to discuss "the New Jim Crow".

MAY 5: Book Club met on Zoom to discuss "American Dirt" with 9 members present.

UPCOMING

MAY 12: Continued community discussions regarding social justice. These are coordinated through the Anne Frank Tree Project and moderated by community members. This is the third discussion during this school year and centers on the Syracuse Stage production of Citizen James (about author James Baldwin).

MAY 19: Director's Meeting with Sarah Glogowski (Lisa encouraged the group of trustees to read her column in the bi-weekly FLLS bulletin to keep up-to-date on what's going on related to funding and COVID, etc.).

MAY 25: UPK Story Times.

We will be having in-person programs for Science on the Lawn and Ukulele Camp this summer. Bess will see if we can borrow tables from Friends Meeting House. These programs will either be at the Library Lawn or possibly at Opendore. Nancy suggested buying a few tables. Lisa will check to see how many she may need. We may be able to use Rosen funds for this purpose.

The Library is not doing a Summer Program for students who need additional support this summer.

We will be increasing our hours from our current 17 to 20 by June 1. Open hours will be Tuesday and Thursday (9-12 noon and 2 - 7 p.m.) Saturdays will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Curbside can count for hours. We have a few strong volunteers who could come back. Some have already asked

about returning to volunteer at the Library. Every other Saturday when the Food Pantry is open. Nancy suggested that Board Members could volunteer one Tuesday and/or Thursday from 5-7 p.m. and one hour on Saturday. Nancy motioned that library hours on Tuesday and Thursdays would be 8 hours (9-12 noon and 2-7 p.m.) and 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturdays and go back to using volunteers on a limited basis. Deb seconded. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Nancy made a motion to donate \$50 to OWLA to help with the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid project as a way of thanking Dr. Dana Hall for his very informative program which he presented at our Annual Meeting in April. Betsy seconded. Carried. Nancy will give Dr. Hall's address to Betsy so she can write a thank you letter and Lisa will write a check which will be included with the letter.

Guy Garnsey and Andy Simkin said they would be able to help with maintenance.

BOOK SALE: The book sale will be 2 weeks this year (July 24 to August 7 which includes 3 Saturdays) and our move-in day will be July 19. A lot of volunteers will be needed as we have 450 boxes of books currently. Jackie Dickinson will still be the Firehouse-Library liaison. Lisa will contact her to check on the above dates for the Firehouse use. After Sonjia asked about the Ithaca Book Sale. Nancy said the protocol is on their website and we will also have to follow the current Cayuga County Health Department protocol for our sale. Nancy will contact Kathy Button to see if she is willing to help with the Book Sale this year even though she is no longer a board member.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT - Connie Rejman
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - Bess Simkin
RECORDING SECRETARY - Lisa Semenza.

It was noted that we will still be needing a few more board members as Nancy's and Betsy's terms are up.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 14. Hopefully this meeting can be in person and outside at the Library lawn, or Bess will check to see if we can be at the Poplar Ridge Meeting House or at Opendore if the weather is not suitable for meeting outside.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Donald, Secretary