

Hazard Library Association Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, November 8, 2021

The meeting was held at Opendore.

PRESENT: Connie Rejman, Sandra Chandler, Bess Simkin, Beth Frazier, Sonjia Turner, Lisa Semenza, Deb Beyea Pat Berry, and Patricia Covert. Patricia joined at 7:00 P.M. via zoom.

ABSENT:

President, Connie Rejman called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made by Connie, and all approved. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Lisa reported that a \$5,000 check was received for children's funding, an air purifier was purchased, and that Saxton was paid to work on lighting.
- Patricia joined via zoom and reported that the 2020 taxes are in the works and must be done by end of the year, and that an extension has been applied for.
- The treasurer's report will be approved at December's meeting as Patricia was injured and unable to finish.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

(submitted by Lisa Semenza)

October 14– Brian Saxton came to work on our lighting issues. He replaced the bare bulb fixture on the porch with a motion sensor lamp. The lights over the ramp and steps at the post office end are controlled by a switch inside the post office door. It had tape over it but had been turned off. It now has a sign on it saying not to turn it off.

October 15– FLLS Annual Meeting was held on Zoom. Connie, Linda, and I represented us. Connie Thomas from Moravia was elected as a Cayuga County representative to the FLLS Board of Trustees. I previously forwarded Sarah's slides from the meeting.

October 19– Finger Lakes Member Support Group meeting held.

October 21-23 – ARSL Conference held both in person (in Reno) and virtually. I have access to recordings through December.

October 25 – Story Hour moved indoors. We have not yet gotten a commitment from the firehouse regarding usage. With only 2-3 family groups the library seems to work out OK. Not sure where we will end up.

October 28 – I attended the virtual YSS Membership meeting. NYLA conference being held in Syracuse Nov 3-6. I forgot to attend the virtual Rural Libraries Roundtable meeting on 11/2 and unable to attend the virtual NYLA membership meeting on 11/3.

October 30 – Air purifier installed.

October 30 – We ended our official collection of Thanksgiving products for the King Ferry Food Pantry for the “Great Give Back”. We had 3 grocery bags of items plus baby food donated by Sandra.

October 30 – Over the course of 2 weeks we gave out 32 Halloween bags with books and treats (27 children and 5 teens). On 10/30 we had 4 children come in costume to trick or treat.

November 2 – Our file cabinet of local history clippings, the Centennial book collection, random photos, and 4 ledgers were moved to Opendore. Connie signed an official “Bailment Agreement” with them on 10/21/21 outlining that they will house the items but we retain ownership.

November 3 – Book Club met at Opendore to discuss “Caste: the origin of our discontent” by Isabel Wilkerson. There were 13 people in attendance.

Upcoming

November 9 – Member Support Group meeting

November 11 – We will be closed for Veteran’s Day

November 15 – My portfolio needs to be submitted by then and I will be officially finished with my degree coursework and ready to graduate with my MLIS.

November 16 – Sandy and I will be doing our monthly Story Time for UPK and Head Start.

November 18 – FALCONS meeting

November 25 – We will be closed for Thanksgiving

Items to Discuss

- Annual Appeal

OLD BUSINESS: Pat Berry's email has been added.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Decided to close in winter months (Jan, Feb, March) for book donations. A notice will be put on website and on donation container.
- The annual appeal letter needs to be written to the community. We will need helpers to stuff envelopes (300x) at December meeting. An online spreadsheet will be used to keep track of donors and will be referenced for acknowledgement notes to be sent out.
- All approved to have Larry Liberatore create an architectural rendering of how the library could be relocated to its own wing of Opendore. We agreed to pay him \$2,500 for this preliminary drawing. Motion passed. We will invite Larry to our December meeting to present his ideas and will also invite Opendore board members as well.
- Lisa will investigate getting a zoom account for the library as the zoom account she has been using may expire.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: N/A

NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 6, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonjia Turner