

Hazard Library Association Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, April 11, 2022

The meeting was held at Opendore.

PRESENT: Connie Rejman, Sandra Chandler, Bess Simkin, Sonjia Turner, Lisa Semenza, Patricia Covert, Pat Berry, and Nancy Hart.

ABSENT:

President, Connie Rejman called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made by Nancy and seconded by Patricia to accept the secretary's report. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- A payment of \$2,850 was made for circulation software.
- Larry was paid \$1,330 for architecture services.
- The furnace was fixed for a total of \$600.
- We received \$3,500 from Cayuga County.

A motion was made by Pat and seconded by Sandra to accept the Treasurer's Report. Carried.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Lisa Semenza - April 11, 2022

March 14 – I spoke with Sarah Glogowski (*FLLS Director*) about our expansion plans and changing our charter. As of Mon 4/4 she reported our status is “*first step is done in that we have alerted the State. The State will let me know when they would like to do a conference call with you, your Board President, me and the State*”. She will keep us posted when she hears back from them. There are some other libraries in the system also working on charter changes. She will be attending the Annual Meeting along with Heidi Eckerson (*FLLS Member Services Librarian*).

March 22 – Elaine Meyers delivered learning materials that had stocked the Food Pantry's “Healthy Bodies, Strong Minds” book nook. They are now stored in the library basement. There is a great bin shelving unit that I hope we can fit in somewhere.

March 22 – I spoke with Marney Thomas regarding our Rosen Grant. She is one of the reviewers and they always call to discuss the particulars and ask any questions they may have about the proposal or project. We should be hearing something about the grant in the next week or so.

March 31 – Christin Chandler met with some members of the board to discuss a proposed “Children's Garden”. I have e-mailed her to request an estimate of costs.

- *She can work on the bird nesting problem on the porch this week for a cost of \$350 for materials and her labor. Approve expenditure?*

April 5 – Sandy and I rescheduled our end of March Story Time with the UPK and Head Start classes. We focused on rain and rainbows (on a beautifully sunny day).

April 5 – Annual Meeting brochure is completed.

April 6 – Book Club met in a hybrid mode to discuss “Beartown” by Fredrick Backman. We had 8 in attendance at Opendore and 4 on Zoom. We need to investigate a better way to amplify the in-person attendees so that the people on Zoom can hear better. They ended up doing a breakout room for their own discussion. I have ordered a microphone to be used for Book Club and Board meetings to reduce this problem.

April 9 – We received a donation in memory of Deb Beyea as part of annual appeal. *Which family member should we notify?*

Upcoming

April 12 – Member Library Support Group Meeting – this one will focus on FLLS updates and summer reading.

April 12 – Fundraising Webinar at 2:00 PM – Patricia and I have registered.

How to Run Your First Fundraising Campaign (ESLN)
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nDABbWbtR4qESVBbR9t45A

Running fundraising campaigns to raise money from individuals can be tough... but it doesn't have to be. In this virtual training with Vanessa Chase Lockshin, you'll get step-by-step guidance to run your first fundraising campaign (or ideas to improve your next one!). This will be an interactive workshop with a combination of teaching, activities, and Q&A. Select “SCRLC” as your ESLN Council when registering.

April 13-16 – Lisa will be out of town. Linda and Nancy are covering the 2-7 PM hours on Thurs 4/14.

April 27 – Elaine Meyers will be doing a talk at Aurora Free Library on her new book “Iron Pants” (7:00 PM in Morgan Opera House). Books can be bought in advance on Amazon if you want her to sign a copy.

July 12-August 18 – Summer Reading – 10:00 AM for all programs – Theme *Read Beyond the Beaten Path* – we will focus on having people read new types of books and genres

- **Tuesdays** – Science on the Lawn – We have hired some presenters using the Sabra Richards funds
 - Captain Jack (presenting on compasses and navigation)
 - The Science of Balloons

- Beekeeping
- **Thursdays** – Ukulele Camp
- **Thursday 7/28** – Art Workshop on drawing animals

ITEMS for DISCUSSION:

2022 BOARD POSITIONS:

President: Nancy Hart
 Vice President: Connie Rejman
 Secretary: Sonjia Turner
 Treasurer: Patricia Covert

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA:

- President's Remarks-
 - Introduce Board and guests (FLLS Director, Sarah Glogowski, Opendore representatives (Guy Garnsey and others)
 - Honor memory of Deb Beyea
- Review minutes of 2021 Annual Meeting
- Lisa and Patricia present brochure
- Thank you to Linda for years of employment
- Present library expansion plans

REPLACING LINDA:

- We will advertise in the Shopper and online with Indeed and Facebook.
- Linda was paid \$17.51/hour. We need to determine rate of pay for this position.
- We will pay for volunteers to cover until a replacement is found.
- Board members signed up for these time slots including a couple to cover for Lisa while she is out on 5/12 and 5/14 (pre-existing family plans).

OLD BUSINESS:

FRONT LANDSCAPING:

- We agreed to pay Christin Chandler \$350 to put up netting on the porch to prevent bird nesting. A motion was made by Pat and seconded by Connie. All approved.
- We need to define the landscaping parameters for the library and for the proposed Children's Garden.

NEW BUSINESS:

OPENDORE/GUY GARNSEY:

- Guy joined the meeting around 7:00pm. Drawing from his experience with the project of rebuilding Opendore, he outlined the many stages and steps involved in bringing the library expansion at Opendore to completion. He offered to guide us through this complex process.
- For us to move the project forward the charter must be changed to include the Town of Scipio. We have taken the first steps and are waiting for a conference call with the State.

LINDA SHAW BUSH:

- We agreed on a \$100 Visa gift card and a house plant to recognize her years of employment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: N/A

NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 9, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonjia Turner