Hazard Library Association Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, June 13, 2022

The meeting was held at Opendore.

PRESENT: Nancy Hart, Pat Berry, Betsy Donald, Patricia Covert (zoomed in), Sonjia Turner, and Lisa Semenza.

ABSENT: Connie Rejman, Bess Simkin, Sandra Chandler.

President, Nancy Hart called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: A motion was made by Sonjia and seconded by Betsy to accept the amended minutes taking Beth Frazier off the present list. Carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT:
- Capital Group investment loss reported in the May minutes still needs to be investigated.
- We received $16,000 from Rosen Endowment.
- Two CDs renewed this month (2yr: $8,811.97; 6mo: $8,329.86).

A motion was made by Pat and seconded by Betsy to accept the corrected treasurer’s report. The three entry errors are referenced in the balance sheets. Carried.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Library Director’s Report
(Lisa Semenza) June 13, 2022

May 17 & 19 – The interview committee (Lisa, Betsy, Nancy, and Connie) interviewed 3 candidates for the Library Assistant position. Karen Phillips accepted the offer made to her and she began work on Sat, June 4.

May 22 – Nancy and I attended the Opendore Annual Meeting. We shared our plans for the new building with the attendees. There is now a copy on display there as well as in the library. Claire Morehouse did a presentation on the architectural styles found in the Aurora area. She gave us a copy of her book on the subject.

May 24 – Heidi Eckerson, the Member Services Librarian from FLLS, visited for a tour of Opendore. She had been unable to attend our Annual Meeting due to another library having theirs the same evening.

May 31 – Sandy and I met with the principal and school librarian to finalize plans for Summer Reading logs and a book giveaway to be held on June 16.
May 31 – Sandy and I did our monthly Story Time visit to UPK and Head Start classes.

June 1 – Book Club met all in person at Opendore to discuss “The Second Founding: how the Civil War and Reconstruction remade the Constitution” by Eric Foner. Mike Groth, who teaches history at Wells College, facilitated the discussion. We had 12 people in attendance. The next book club meeting has been rescheduled to Wed, June 29 due to conflicts with Wednesdays in July.

June 4 – Karen began her training and worked with me that day and the morning of June 7. We have worked out a schedule and there are some days where some volunteer coverage is needed.

June 7 – Sandy and I did a final story time with the Head Start class since they will be ending as of 6/10. We gave each student a copy of a book about frogs. We will meet with the UPK class on 6/16 when we are at school for the book giveaway.

June 7 – Reading logs and other Summer Reading materials were emailed to Auburn Document Center for copying and cutting. The log is also being included in the upcoming Rambling Reporter and every child at Emily Howland grades pre-K through 6 will receive one, along with a bookmark, at school on June 16. Head Start got theirs on 6/7. A Spanish version will be given to the Food Pantry

ITEMS for DISCUSSION:

OPENDORE BUILD: We met with Guy Garnsey. He offered actions we can take while waiting for the change in our Charter, including solicitation of architect and beginning a capital campaign. Opendore will share a list of foundations they had success with. The State has been in contact with Sarah Glogowski regarding the Charter. The next step is the phone conference with the State.

- Committee: Lisa and Patricia will meet at end of July with Opendore to begin the process of defining the contractual relationship between Opendore and the library.

- Legal Counsel: For the legalities of our joint venture with Opendore Sarah Glogowski referred us to Stephanie Adams, a lawyer who has worked with many libraries in FLLS.

- Architect: Opendore used Crawford & Stearns. Lisa will ask Sarah if we need to solicit other architects.

LANDSCAPE PLANS: Cleanup of pinecones and needles needs to be done by July 12. We discussed landscaping plans and the disconnect with Christin Chandler. Nancy will send her a letter detailing our decision.
BOOK SALE: We decided on prices and will ask Connie about the volunteer sign-up. We will advertise on our website, the Citizen calendar, signs, and flyers.

OLD BUSINESS: NA

NEW BUSINESS:

MASKING POLICY: A motion was made by Pat and seconded by Betsy to change the masking policy to optional.

OPEN MEETINGS: We will revisit policy changes to meeting via Zoom next month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: NA

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, July 20, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonjia Turner