

Hazard Library Association Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

The meeting was held on the library lawn.

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

ABSENT: Pat Berry, and Sandra Chandler.

President, Nancy Hart called the meeting to order at 6:56 P.M.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made by Connie and seconded by Patricia to accept the amended minutes changing Rosen *Endowment* to Rosen *Grant* in Treasurer's Report. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The main expenses for the month were supplies and printing for Summer Reading programs, books for Emily Howland students for the summer, and book giveaways for the food pantry.

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

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

(Lisa Semenza)

July 20, 2022

June 14 – I met with Debbie Patrick at the Food Pantry to discuss book giveaways at the food pantry. They handed out reading logs, coloring books, and crayons at the pantry on 6/18. Elaine Meyers brought sorted books in many categories from there which are now being stored in the basement. Linda Ramirez is helping to coordinate books and giveaways and serve as a liaison between the libraries and the pantry. We will be working to set up a more coordinated plan between the 2 libraries and the pantry as we move into the new school year.

June 16 – Sandy and I spent much of the day at Emily Howland giving Summer Reading information and books to students during their recess periods. Every child received a reading log, a book mark with general programming listed, and a full list of all programs to be held at Hazard Library and Aurora Library. The reading log is to be included in the Rambling Reporter and is available to print from our website, along with copies available at each library. We also have alternatives for children and adults.

June 29 – Book Club met for our "July" meeting to discuss "The Thursday Murder Club" by Richard Osman. We had 10 people in attendance.

July 2-8 – Lisa out of town

July 9-16 – Lisa out of work due to COVID – Karen and Nancy are to be commended for keeping things running smoothly in my absence.

July 12 – Science on the Lawn kicked off with “Get Lost with Captain Jack”. He talked about navigation and use of compasses and all attendees received a compass. There were 29 children and 8 adults in attendance which included 16 students from the school camp week. Linda Ramirez is volunteering in the mornings to help with counting attendees and register people for summer reading.

July 14 – Ukulele Camp began. This will run on July 21, Aug 4, 11 and benefit concert for the Food Pantry held on Aug 18. There will be no camp on July 28 and this is now going to be Big Game Day all day. Our art workshop fell through due to the teacher getting a new job and being unavailable. FLLS has large size lawn games to borrow and I also have croquet and lawn billiards. This will run all day just for fun.

July 18 – There is a new group meeting through FLLS for “New Librarians”. This is aimed at anyone who has received their degree within the past 5 years.

Upcoming

July 20 – Director Meeting with Sarah. **New standards RE board member education go into effect in January 2023.** Is there anyone who doesn’t receive emailed Trustee Newsletter from FLLS? I can get you added to the list. One was received on 7/18.

July 23 – Moving books from Old EH to Firehouse. **Connie can give more details in needs for moving, set up, and coverage at the sale.**

ITEMS for DISCUSSION:

OPENDORE BUILD:

- The committee composed of Lisa, Nancy, Connie, and Patricia will meet with Opendore representatives on July 25.
- Charter Update: Our state liaison is on vacation.
- Architect & Legal Counsel: We will move forward with hiring Bear & Stearns, as one bid for architect is sufficient and will hire Stephanie Adams, a lawyer familiar with FLLS.

POLICY CHANGES: Meeting remotely has been extended for another month, as based on Open Meetings information decided by the Governor. We need to revisit our meeting via Zoom policy.

TRUSTEE EDUCATION: Library trustees are required to participate in two hours of training (2 webinars) by January 2023 and provide a certificate of attendance to the board president.

OLD BUSINESS:

LANDSCAPING PLANS: The pinecones have been cleaned up. Nancy’s letter to Christin Chandler was edited and will be mailed.

BOOK SALE:

- Volunteers are needed for set up (7/23-7/30), working the sale (7/31-8/14), and transporting books to Friends of Library on 8/17.
- Emily Howland School has been sold to Dr. Colloca, owner of Colloca Estate Winery in Fair Haven. Connie will reach out to Dr. Colloca to see if the library can continue to use the space.
- A new Hazard Library Book Sale Coordinator is needed as Connie is stepping down.

NEW BUSINESS: NA

ANNOUNCEMENTS: NA

NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 15, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonjia Turner