

Hazard Library Association Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, November 14, 2022

The meeting was held at Opendore.

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

President Nancy Hart called the meeting to order at 6: 40 P.M.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made by Pat and seconded by Patricia to accept the minutes. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Patricia will contact the bank, to give Nancy check signing privileges and she will send a 2022 donation of \$600 for Opendore for use of their space. Patricia will also investigate the recent increase in CD rates and compare it to the income from the Money Market account. A motion was made by Connie and seconded by Pat to accept the treasurer's report. Carried.

Library Director's Report

(Lisa Semenza)

November 14, 2022

October 14 – FLLS Annual Meeting held on Zoom. We had good representation from our library.

October 25 – Karen and I discussed her performance review

October 27 – Sandy and I did a Halloween themed story time with UPK classes.

October 27 – I attended a webinar on Roberts Rules of Order (“Effective Meetings Utilizing “Parliamentary Procedure”) – I have purchased a book for us to refer to.

October 29 – We held trick-or-treating at the library. We had 10 kids come in costume for treats.

November 1 – Final collection for the statewide initiative “The Great Give Back”. We collected 40 cans of pie filling and a cash donation for the food pantry.

November 2 – Book Club met at Opendore to discuss “The Sentence ” by Louise Erdrich. We had 11 participants.

November 10 – Sandy and I did a Thankful/Veterans Day themed story time **with** UPK classes.

November 10 – Saxton’s came to fix the post office fluorescent light (the pull cord had broken off) and outdoor lights over the post office steps and out back by the parking area. We needed to have the outdoor lights replaced and he fixed the light in the post office.

Upcoming

November 17 – FALCONS Meeting

We need to decide on a donation to FLLS for Overdrive. In 2022 we gave \$1,000.

November 17 – Opendore committee meeting – We have received a sample lease from our lawyer to use as a basis for discussion.

We are also discussing MOU.

November 24 – We will be closed for Thanksgiving

ITEMS for DISCUSSION:

TAX CAP OVERRIDE: RESOLUTION

Whereas, the adoption of the 2016 budget for the Hazard Library Association may require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3--c adopted in 2011; and
Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3--c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the/ Hazard Library Association voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2023 by at least sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law.

Dated: November 14, 2022

Vote: 7 in favor

0 opposed

0 abstentions

OVERDRIVE: The donation for 2021 was \$1,000. Patricia moves to donate \$1,000 for 2022. Connie seconds. All approve.

OPENDORE COMMITTEE MEETING: Committee members will review a sample lease from the lawyer this week.

CLEAVELAND'S ANTIQUE STORE: Kathy Button wondered if we ever considered purchasing Cleaveland's Antique Store (next to Stone Store) to be used as the library. We discussed the features of this property with Andy Simkin and determined it not suitable due to the small size of the property and the age and layout of the building.

MASONRY: Andy Simkin recommended Steve Buller. Lisa has the contact information. Bess will contact him and share our list of targeted work. Try to get on the list for spring.

LANDSCAPING: We will revisit library grounds clean up in the spring,

ANNUAL APPEAL LETTER: Nancy will write the letter focussing on the benefits of Opendore move. Auburn Document Center will print them. For acknowledgements we will print out 1/3 sheet forms that fit in a regular envelope. The annual appeal and capital campaign will be on the same form. Lisa and Karen will write the acknowledgements and mark it in the spreadsheet.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: We will get an estimate from Larry and Guy and use this figure in the annual appeal letter.

2023 BUDGET: A preliminary budget for 2023 will be ready for the December meeting.

BY-LAWS: We need to review them this year and add in a job description for Vice President.

OLD BUSINESS:

OPENDORE BUILD:

- MOU approval: Nancy will sign MOU on Thursday.
- Legal Counsel Meeting: Cole's meeting with Andy Simkin discussed sample lease.

LISA'S EVALUATION: Patricia and Nancy will complete the evaluation on Thursday 12/1.

NEW BUSINESS:

BOARD UPDATE: We need new board members.

FURNACE: Lisa has called Malcolm.

OTHER:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: NA

NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 12, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonjia Turner