

Minutes of Hazard Library Library Association Annual Meeting
Monday, April 25, 2022

The meeting was held at Opendore.

PRESENT: Library Director, Lisa Semenza and Assistant Librarian, Linda Bush, Board Members: President Connie Rejman, Treasurer Patricia Covert, Corresponding Secretary Bess Simkin, Recording Secretary Sonjia Turner, Sandra Chandler, Nancy Hart, Betsy Donald, and Pat Berry. There were 25 present.

President Connie Rejman called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. She introduced the Board and guests: Sarah Glogowski, Director of the Finger Lakes Library System, Opendore representatives, Guy Garnsey and Jackie Dickinson, Former Hazard Library Director, Sally Otis, and Aurora Free Library representatives, Sandra Groth and Susan Deacon.

The 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes were presented. They were approved after being amended to reflect Linda Bush's attendance.

New and Returning Board Members, Betsy Donald, Nancy Hart, and Pat Berry were presented and accepted.

The 2021 Treasurer's Report was presented and accepted.

FLLS Director, Sarah Glogowski gave an update of our 5 county, 33 member library system, touching on the continued effects of the pandemic, the shift to in-person programming, efforts to increase state aid for libraries, materials challenges and the availability of book banning tool kits. She shared that Cayuga county has the most difficult time securing legislative funding and stressed the importance of maintaining on-going relationships with local representatives.

We remembered recently deceased Board member Deb Beyea. A tree will be planted on the grounds of our new building at Opendore to honor her contributions to the community.

Lisa and Patricia presented the 2021 Final Report and 2022 Budget. Both approved.

Connie shared that the 2021 two- week book sale was the highest yielding to date.

Lisa thanked Linda Bush for all her years of employment totaling 20 years as assistant librarian. Linda is irreplaceable and will be missed.

Opendore library expansion plans were presented. Lisa and Patricia detailed the need for a larger and updated library and shared preliminary architectural sketches of what this would like at Opendore. The need for expansion is not new. A capital campaign in 2007 was started. In 2020 the current plan for expansion at the Opendore site was delayed due to the pandemic. Questions and concerns from the community were discussed. Guy Garnsey highlighted how Hazard Library and Opendore share the Quaker heritage of being open to the community and the synergy this creates by having them in the same building.

The need to create and sustain relationships with county and local legislative bodies to secure funding was discussed.

Adjourned at 8:26 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Sonjia Turner, Secretary

