

Hazard Library Association Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, April 10, 2023

The meeting was held at Opendore.

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

ABSENT: Indigo Boyd

President Nancy Hart called the meeting to order at 6:42 P.M.

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

NEW BOARD MEMBER: Vote to approve Roger Phillips to fill vacancy on Board. Motion made by Pat and seconded by Connie. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Patricia will investigate CD rates at other banks.
- Patricia opened a new account for the capital campaign.
- Lisa will check with other libraries to see how they handle the \$250,000 federal deposit insurance threshold.
- A motion was made by Bess and seconded by Pat to approve the treasurer's report. Carried.

Library Director's Report

(Lisa Semenza)

April 10, 2023

March 14 - We were closed for snow.

March 3, 10, 17, 24 – Discussion group on Zoom based around the book “Waking up White (and Finding Myself in the Story of Race)” by Debby Irving. This is an offshoot of book club and the

Community Read discussions about John Lewis and the Civil Rights Movement. Indigo Boyd is leading the discussions. There is no obligation to attend all of them. We had planned to meet at 7:00 each Friday in March however cancelled 3/31 due to travel plans.

March 22 and April 3 – Fundraising meetings held on Zoom. Roger Phillips joined us on 4/3.

- Nancy is writing letter to be sent to businesses to solicit donations.
- Pat is working on a capital campaign brochure to explain the project. This will be included with the letters.
- Lisa has set up a donation fund on PayPal which can be accessed at https://www.paypal.com/donate?campaign_id=YB4FBBJ32S4MA. This is featured on our website, Facebook page, and on FingerLakesDailyNews.com
- The link to the fundraising spreadsheet will be forwarded to the board via email. Please look it over and add (or send info to the library) if you know of any other businesses to add.

March 27 – The Opendore committee met to review the proposal submitted by Julia Hafftko-Marshall from Holmes-King-Kallquist & Associates, Architects.

March 29 – Southern Cayuga Book Club met at Aurora Library to discuss “What the Fireflies Knew” by Kai Harris. There were 8 members present for the discussion. The meeting was moved up a week due to the school break week and upcoming holiday weekend.

March 30 – Sandy and I did our monthly visit to the UPK classes for Story Time. We then did a book giveaway in advance of the school break week during the lunch periods.

March 30 – Invitations to our Annual Meeting were sent to Town Boards, School Board and Superintendent, and our elected officials.

April 3 – We started our new hours. Many people have expressed pleasure at having Monday hours however there was minimal attendance this first day.

April 3 – Nancy, Lisa, Guy, and Larry L interviewed Julia and clarified aspects of her proposal. *This will be brought to vote by the board to approve hiring her as our architect.*

April 3 – We began a week long “egg hunt” at the library. There are 36 eggs hidden in the shelves. They all have treats and 8 eggs have a slip of paper to win a special prize.

Upcoming

April 19 – Fundraising Meeting on Zoom

April 25, May 2, May 9 – FLLS paid for 2 libraries (us and Seymour) to participate in an online class in *Project Management Fundamentals for Librarians* – A description of the workshop can be found at <https://www.libraryjournal.com/event/project-management-fundamentals-librarians-apr-2023#home>

April 26 – Poet Kalli Dakos will be doing 3 presentations at Emily Howland. Paid for by Rosen Grant 2022.

Announcements

- Karen is on vacation April 13-April 19. Needed desk coverage has been arranged.

ITEMS for DISCUSSION:

- Annual Meeting:
 - We will present Karen as our new library assistant and the program will focus on the building. Invitations are sent, meeting to start at 7.
- Fundraising:
 - Perform for Purpose will have a concert here on July 9 at Opendore and donate the money raised for our capital campaign. We will solicit donations, gift baskets, and look into a food truck. Responsibilities will be divided up during a fundraising meeting on 4/19 via Zoom.
- Architectural Services:
 - Julia Hafftko-Marshall from Holmes-King-Kallquist & Associates, Architects gave us an estimate of \$28,600 for the preliminary schematic design. A motion was made by Sonjia and seconded by Betsy to accept the estimate. Carried.
- Grant Manager:
 - Patricia is writing a RFP (request for proposal). There are three possibilities.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

School Budget Ballot Procedure Change:

- A legal counsel for the school district determined that Aurora and Hazard Libraries requests must be listed separately on the ballot.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting Monday, May at 6:30 at Opendore.

Adjourned at 8: 51PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sonjia Turner