

Hazard Library Association Board of Trustees Meeting

Friday, February 17, 2023

The meeting was held at Opendore.

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

ABSENT: Betsy Donald

President Nancy Hart called the meeting to order at 6:44 P.M.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- The 2023 Budget increased and decreased accordingly. A motion was made by Nancy and seconded by Sonjia to approve the 2023 Budget. Carried.
- A motion was made by Connie and seconded by Pat to leave funds in the money market account rather than transfer them to a CD. Carried.
- A motion was made by Pat and seconded by Connie to create a separate account for the capital campaign. Carried.
- A motion was made by Connie and seconded by Pat to approve the treasurer's report. Carried.

Library Director's Report

(Lisa Semenza)

February 17, 2023

January 10 – *Member Library Support Group meeting*

January 18 – Monthly Director meeting with Sarah

January 19 – Sandy and I did our monthly Story Time visit to the EH UPK classes with a winter theme.

January 19 – FLLS IDEA Committee meeting (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Accessibility)

January 19 – Opendore meeting on Zoom

January 25 – FLLS Social Justice Book Club meeting – We discussed “Disability Visibility”. In April we will reading BIPOC non-fiction.

January 26 – *Met with Sandy, Linda Ramirez, and Debbie Patrick to discuss next year’s plan for outreach at KFFP. Families have been giving good feedback to the inclusion of family engagement activities and the subscription to Chop Chop Magazine. We will reflect the changes in the 2023 Rosen Grant application.*

February 1 – *Attended training on Annual Report. Patricia viewed recording.*

February 1 – *Book Club met in Aurora to discuss the Community Read book “His Truth is Marching On” (a biography of John Lewis written by Jon Meacham). There were multiple discussions held in the community over the course of a few weeks. The discussions centered on Civil Rights. Interested members of Book Club will be doing a 5 week discussion period on Zoom on the book “Waking up White” by Debby Irving. Indigo Boyd has offered to lead the discussions.*

February 4 – *“Take Your Child to the Library Day” – We had 2 families participate and received books, magazine, and craft activities.*

February 9 – *Sandy and I did our monthly Story Time visit to the EH UPK classes with a Valentine/friendship theme.*

February 12 and 13 – *We had media coverage in the Citizen (interview with Nancy) and on the radio through FingerLakesDailyNews.com (interview with Lisa).*

February 14 – *Book giveaway at EH during lunch periods in anticipation of February break (2/20-2/24). We will do another one prior to April break. This is funded by Rosen Grant 2022.*

February 15 - Monthly Director meeting with Sarah

- The Bad News is Governor Hochul wants to cut construction funding by \$20 million (total of \$14 million available) but the Good News is Sarah is confident construction aid will be restored. Our legislators know that library buildings are old and this is a tangible way in which they can support libraries.

- General library funding from the state is also being cut by \$3.5 million. Even if restored this does not reflect inflation.

- You should have received an advocacy email from Sarah. Just click on the link and sign it digitally and it will be sent to our legislators and the governor.
- The Regents met last week so we may hear something on the charter soon.
- Advocacy Day (2/28) – Most meetings are going to be hybrid. There will be no bus to Albany. Rachel May is now our legislator and she has reached out to get Nancy's phone #. Due to redistricting Pamela Helming is no longer representing anyone in FLLS and we are no longer in John Lemondes' district either. Jeff Galahan is our new Assemblyman. The legislators all seem to be supportive of libraries.

February 16 – FALCONS meeting – Not too much of interest today. Polaris Vega has had some setbacks in development so they are going to give us some extra features. There is a training to give an overview on 2/17. The intent is that it will be easier for patrons to search for items and place holds on the catalog website.

February 16 – Opendore meeting (will give report in person at our meeting)

Upcoming

February 21 – Polar Science Day

February 22 – Rosen Grant 2023 application due

February 28 – “Book and Breakfast” returns after 3 years to EH. This is the culmination of / *Love to Read Month*

March 16 – First in-person FLLS meeting since February 2020. Summer Reading meeting.

ITEMS for DISCUSSION:

SCHOOL TAX BILL INCREASE REQUEST: A motion was made by Pat and seconded by Connie to request an additional \$5,000 through school tax appropriation. Carried.

2022 ANNUAL REPORT: A motion was made by Sonjia and seconded by Pat to approve the 2022 Annual Report. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

OPENDORE BUILD:

- **OWNERSHIP RELATIONSHIP W/ OPENDORE:** Ground lease option where library will build and own the new library building on the property leased to us by the Howland Stone Store Museum. The HSSM has approved this option. A motion was made by Patricia and seconded by Pat to approve this option. Carried.
- **REQUEST for PROPOSAL:** Vote to allow Hazard Board members on the building committee to approve the Request for Proposal prepared by Guy Garnsey to be sent to potential library architecture firms. A motion was made Pat and seconded by Sonjia to approve the Request for Proposal. Carried.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

- **Progress:** Generous donations have come in from annual appeal.
- **Strategy Committee Formed:** Members include Patricia and Pat. Patricia will contact Jackie Dickinson. She will also contact Dan Fessenden for assistance with grants management.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNUAL MEETING: April 24th, 6:30. Celebration. Announce architect!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

· *Marcia Bakouris and Indigo Boyd have expressed interest in becoming volunteers and are willing to learn how to cover the desk. Indigo is also interested in assisting with Science on the Lawn and Marcia has a background in writing training documents.*

· *Karen will be on vacation from April 12-18. We will need some desk coverage on Tues 4/18 during Story Hour.*

Roger Philips, Karen's husband, is interested in being on the board. Lisa will ask Sarah at FLLS if this is a conflict of interest.

Next Meeting Monday, March 13, at 6:30 at Opendore.

Adjourned at 8:18 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sonjia Turner

