

Hazard Library Association Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, March,13, 2023

The meeting was held on Zoom.

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

ABSENT:

President Nancy Hart called the meeting to order at 6:41 P.M.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Quiet month
- Annual report accepted by FLLS and sent to the state.
- \$781.65 was received for the building fund.
- A motion was made by Bess and seconded by Betsy to approve the treasurer's report. Carried.

Library Director's Report

(Lisa Semenza)

March 13, 2023

February 20 - Nancy set RFPs to 5 architectural firms (she can update on this status)

February 21 – Polar Science Day – We had 3 families participate.

February 21 – Rosen Grant 2023 submitted – It will follow a similar pattern to the previous years with a collaboration between Hazard and Aurora Libraries, the school district, and the food pantry. We will probably hear something in April.

February 23 – Marcy Hand from the school district business office contacted us to find out our plans for going on the school ballot. I let her know we were going to ask for a \$5,000 increase.

February 28 – We submitted the State Annual Report and it was approved by FLLS without any corrections on the first try.

February 28 – We were closed for our morning hours as per our policy due to SCCS on 2 hour delay due to the

weather.

March 1 – Book and Breakfast (rescheduled from 2/28 due to weather) held in the high school cafeteria for elementary students and families as a culmination and celebration of

I Love to Read Month. This is also funded by Rosen Grant.

This was the first time it was held since February 2020. Elaine Meyers' monthly article in The Citizen featured these events https://auburnpub.com/eedition/page-c3/page_8eaaccb6-e1cd-5101-8b23-320a5a7ea6d3.html

March 1 – Southern Cayuga Book Club met at Aurora Library to discuss “The Midnight Library” by Matt Haig. There were 11 members present for the discussion.

March 3 – We began a 5 week 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 were 7 people present on this first night. We will meet at 7:00 each Friday in March and there is no obligation to attend all of them.

March 7 – Julia Haffka-Marshall (architect) from Holmes-King-Kallquist & Associates joined Nancy and Guy at Opendore and then Nancy and Lisa at Hazard to get a sense of the space and our vision for the new library.

March 8 – I attended an in-person continuing education opportunity hosted and presented by Seymour Library (Auburn). It was held at Auburn Public Theater and centered on how they conducted a diversity audit of their collection

Upcoming

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

March 27 – Opendore committee will meet to discuss any proposals that have been submitted by the architects.

March 29 – We will hold our April book club meeting at Aurora Library due to some conflicts related to the spring break week the first week of April which is also Holy Week.

March 30 – Pre-K Story Time visit and book giveaway to all EH students prior to spring break.

April 3 – Our new hours will go into effect – M T Th Sa (9-1) and T Th (2-7) – the minimum standard for our new service area population is 25 hours and we will be open 26 hours.

April 3 – Opendore committee will meet to interview selected architects.

April 3-7 – Spring Break week – we will do an ongoing Easter Egg hunt in the library for anyone who visits.

ITEMS for DISCUSSION:

ANNUAL MEETING PLANS:

- April 24th, 6:30. Celebrate and announce the architect! We will have refreshments, a charcuterie platter, and cookies. We will each bring a plate of cookies and a bottle of wine.
- We will put together a community brochure. Pat will send invitations to Town Board members from Genoa, Scipio, Venice, and Ledyard. We will also invite our State Senator, Rachel May and Southern Cayuga Central School Board members. Sarah Glogowski plans on attending.

OLD BUSINESS:

OPENDORE BUILD: 3 of the 5 architectural firms that have been contacted are being considered. The next step is to receive proposals and then in the first week of April interview and hire.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: The strategy committee consisting of Pat, Nancy, and Patricia will meet to determine next steps.

CEMENT WORK: Bess will get in touch with the mason we have been in contact with. The goal is to have the work done this Spring/Summer.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Indigo Boyd has agreed to join the board. He is out of town for the March meeting but will plan to attend the April 10 meeting. He has a conflict for the Annual Meeting.

Karen will be on vacation from April 12-18. We will need some desk coverage on Thurs 4/13 and Tues 4/18 during the morning hours.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 10, at 6:30 at Opendore.

Adjourned at 7:53 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sonjia Turner