

Hazard Library Association Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, May 8, 2023

The meeting was held at Opendore.

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

ABSENT: Betsy Donald

President Nancy Hart called the meeting to order at 6:43 P.M.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Two accounts were opened for the Capital Campaign, a money market and a checking account.
- A motion was made by Pat and seconded by Connie to approve the treasurer's report. Carried.

Library Director's Report

(Lisa Semenza)

May 8, 2023

April 19 – Fundraising Meeting – Plans are underway for:

- our concert on July 9th (***we need a name!***)
- raffle baskets (***we need people to solicit donations***)
- 50/50 raffle
- Doug's Fish Fry,

April 24 – Annual Meeting – Turnout was rather low and we did not get representatives from the Towns or School Board however Aileen McNabb-Coleman did come to represent both Cayuga County Legislature and Senator Rachel May. We have continued to hand out annual reports to everyone who comes to the library along with a pen.

April 25 – UPK Story Time visit with Sandy. Karen did Story Hour at the library.

April 26 – Poet/Author Kalli Dakos did 3 presentations at Emily Howland and then one later in the day at Peachtown. She was well received by all. This was funded by Rosen Grant 2022.

May 1 – Opendore joint planning committee met at Opendore.

May 2 – A meeting was held on Zoom for discussion between the 2 lawyers, our architect, and representatives from Hazard and HSSM.

- There are some sticking points in semantics of whether there is precedent for direct ownership of a building located on leased land. Cole says this is a “legal fiction” but for all intents and purposes the building would be under our control.
- Another area to be ironed out is building codes. Our architect assumed Opendore would be classified as A3 for occupancy because it is a museum. Libraries also typically have that classification. However, Opendore has an A2 classification as a business. It would be easier in terms of building codes if we had two buildings with the same classification.
- Code questions are also leading to discussion in terminology of whether the library would be an “addition” or an “adjacent structure”.

May 2 – We received our check for Rosen Grant 2023. Every library was only able to receive 73% of the funding that had been requested.

May 2 – Panels for a display on Women’s Suffrage were delivered to Opendore from SCRLC. We arranged for this from the regional library council but on display at Opendore. I am working with Marilyn Post to arrange for a way to pair some books with them.

May 3 – Literacy Committee meeting held. We discussed Summer Reading, end of year book giveaways, upcoming author visit, and food pantry project.

May 3 – Book Club was held at Aurora Library to discuss “How the Word is Passed” by Clint Smith. I was unable to attend. There were 9 members in attendance.

Upcoming

May 11- Follow up meeting on Zoom to review what has been found out regarding the building code by our architect.

June 7 – Author Dan Gemeinhart will be visiting SCCS to do 3 presentations (grades 3-4, 5-6, 7-8). Thank you to Pat and Groton for bringing him to our attention. He will be there on June 8.

He may do a workshop at Aurora Library in the evening on June 7. The school had funds for his visit and Rosen Grant will purchase some of his books for Hazard and the school libraries.

Announcements

- **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>

ITEMS for DISCUSSION:

Fundraising Plans – We have received 3 responses from business mailing. We have handed out info in our annual brochure. Another mailing?

Fundraising: We need to identify major donors.

- Architectural Services – we will be arranging for time to meet with her to begin our planning. Look into how to mesh A2 and A3 building codes.
- Grant Manager – Patricia has sent out 3 RFPs. One declined. One has returned a proposal. One has not yet responded.

Masonry/Iron Railings:

Andy Simkin had Rick Petrone look at our masonry. Of bigger concern now is that the iron railings are rusting out. This is a bigger project than Rick can handle alone. Rob Ryan and Steve Buller are booked through the summer. Andy and/or Bess will contact Gary Denman again.

OLD BUSINESS:

Annual Meeting: A lower turnout than expected.

Book Sale:

- Date change:
 - Move School Tables: Friday, 6/14;
 - Move books: Saturday, 7/15;
 - Set-up: Monday-Friday, 7/17-7/21;
 - Sale: 7/22-8/5;
 - Hours: Saturday: 9-4; Sunday: 12-4; Weekdays: 10-7; Bag Sale: 9-2

- Auburn Rotary will get books for Central Africa on bag sale day (8/5)
- Doug's Fish Fry Date TBD
- Volunteer recruitment and sign up
- Signs out by early July.

Opendore Build:

- Land lease:
 - Meet with lawyers on May 11 about the legal relationship between Opendore and Hazard Library. We may need to hire a real estate lawyer.
- Grant Coordinator:
 - Patricia and Lisa will interview Mike Long. The application for the State Library Grant opens in June and is due in September.

Capital Campaign:

- Progress: We have received \$800 in response to letters sent out.
- July 9 Festival: Donations will be put into a spreadsheet.
- Other ideas: Dugan's food truck

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting Monday, June 12 at 6:30 at Opendore.

Adjourned at 8:32 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sonjia Turner