

Hazard Library Association Board of Trustees Meeting

Opendore, Sherwood, NY

Monday, March 10, 2025

Board members present: President Nancy Hart, Connie Rejman, Kathie Garnsey, Bess Simkin, (* by Zoom Patricia Covert)

Excused: Betsy Donald, Pat Berry, Sonjia Turner

Staff present: Lisa Semenza

Guests present : None

Meeting held at Opendore

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by President Nancy Hart

Secretary –Kathie Garnsey (interim secretary)

- The minutes of February 10, 2025 were reviewed and discussed
- Motion made to approve Bess / Connie - carried unanimously

Treasurer's Report

- Increased wages for Cailin will take effect in April
- Will discuss with Opendore sharing fees for tax searches
- Patricia explained that it would be advantageous to hire an outside firm to do bookkeeping and tax auditing services for the library.
- Patricia will contact Cayhill and Knobel to see if they would do this for the library. Patricia would keep in touch with them and report to the library.
- Motion to hire outside firm for book keeping and auditing service: Connie/Bess, carried unanimously
- **Librarian Report (attached)**
 - Lisa's report discussed
 - Discussed attached by-laws. Changes will be made to address current needs and will be voted on at next meeting.

Old Business

- Still receiving annual appeal funding
- Trustees must complete two hours of training annually, in addition to sexual harassment training. Trustee training in the form of Trustee Handbook Book Club can be found at <https://midhudson.org/trusteebookclub/>. Sexual harassment training can be found on FLLS website: <https://www.flls.org/hr/>

- Fish fry at fire house on April 8 from 11 to 6
- Will request an increase in the school tax levy for the library to \$7500

New Business

- Next Meeting: April 14, 2025 at 5:00 pm
- Annual Meeting: April 14, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Motion to adjourn

- Motion Connie/Bess- carried unanimously
- Meeting adjourned 8:00 – PM

Next Meeting

- Monday April 14, 2025 5:00 PM at Opendore

Respectfully submitted

Kathie Garnsey, acting Secretary

Library Director's Report
(Lisa Semenza)
March 10, 2025

February 11 – Book giveaway at EH during lunch periods

February 12 – Joint meeting with our architect to be held with library and HSSM representatives to discuss finalizing construction documents and plans to move ahead into the bidding and construction phases.

February 13 – Director meeting with Sarah Glogowski

February 15-22 – Arctic activities were offered during all open hours during February break. People came and participated the first Sat and on Tues but not on Thurs or the second Sat.

February 17 – Library was closed for President's Day.

February 17 – Librarian meet-up at Seymour Library in Auburn (they were open). Only Carla from Union Springs, Lisa from Auburn, and Lisa from Hazard were there. We discussed areas of interest and concern. Moving forward we want to plan some "visioning" across the libraries in the county.

February 18 – Member Library Support Group meeting.

February 20 – FALCONS meeting. Lisa is the Vice Chair for 2025.

February 20 – State Annual Report submitted to FLLS. All libraries in FLLS were submitted to the state by 2/28.

February 25 – Literacy Committee Meeting. The annual "Book and Breakfast" has been changed to an evening event of "Pizza and Reading Partners" due to construction at the high school end of the building making it difficult to have this in the cafeteria. This will be held in 2 sessions on Thurs 3/6 between 5-7. This is funded by the Rosen Grant.

February 25 – Monthly UPK Story Time at Emily Howland with a penguin and polar bear theme.

February 26 – Rosen Grant notifications were emailed. We only received 60% of the funding we requested so we will need to see what can be cut out or otherwise adjusted. We have the possibility of getting some other funding through FLLS – Outreach Mini Grant and Family Literacy Grant – but most likely won't be able to cover everything fully.

March 5 – Southern Cayuga Book Club met at Aurora Library to discuss "There There" by Tommy Orange with 9 people in attendance.

Upcoming

March 19 – Joint Operating Committee Meeting – This needed to be rescheduled from 2/27 and 3/6 for multiple reasons and scheduling conflicts.

April 8 – Doug's Fish Fry