Hazard Library Board Meeting

Minutes - October 5, 2026

Called to order: 6:43 at Opendore

Present: Nancy Hart, Bess Simkin, Pat Berry, Kathie Garnsey, Lisa Semenza, Betsy Donald
Excused: Connie Rejman, Sonjia Turner

President, Nancy Hart, called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made by Pat and seconded by Betsy to accept the Secretary's report. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: It was noted that the Quick Books rate will be reduced. A motion was made by Bess and seconded by Pat to accept the Treasurer's Report. Carried.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE: On. 9/22, Larry Chuck, Shannon, Julia, Lisa and Nancy met. The newest estimate is $868,000 which is more than the last estimate. Things now not included in Phase II include the Chimney - $105,000 and Patio - $10,000, and waving the bonding - $30,000. This brought the new estimate down to $723,000 which is under the grant total. We still have not received information about the grant approval. Phase II will have to start soon even if the grant has not come through yet. Nancy moved that we approve asking Chuck Bouley to get started. Betsy approved. Lisa will call Sarah. After some discussion, the motion was approved.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- SEPTEMBER 12: Total from Sherwood Treasurers Market was $532 which included registration & table rentals.

- SEPTEMBER 17: Lisa attended FLLS System-Wide Community Read: "Meet Me after the Library" on Zoom.

- SEPTEMBER 22: See above information on building update.

- SEPTEMBER 23: Lisa and Sandy represented the Libraries at Emily Howland Back to School Open House to promote our programming, encourage library card registrations, and have books and activities for the students who attended. They talked to 118 people and signed up 10 new library cards.

- SEPTEMBER 29: Nancy and Lisa met with our lawyer, Cole Adams, on Zoom. The Post Office is going to capitulate on the lease agreement and agree to a 2 year at a time lease. Cole is looking to see if the USPS commission fee is not going to be taken out of our rent. Cole will be sending this information along.

- OCTOBER 1: Gavin Beebee dropped off his proposal for work on the porch. He thought he had emailed it but found it had not sent. Lisa told him we would review it at our meeting on 10/5. The estimate was for $1,810. Lisa will have him start.

- OCTOBER 1 - 31: Hazard and Aurora Libraries are participating[ing in annual NYS Libraries The Great Give Back program. We will be collecting requested food items for the KFFP BackPack program to support students with food insecurity over the weekends.

UPCOMING:

- OCTOBER 7: Southern Cayuga Book Club will meet at Opendore to discuss "The Frozen River" by Arial Lawson.

- OCTOBER 16: FLLS Annual Meeting to be held at Shepherd Hills Country Club in Waverly.

- OCTOBER 30: Lisa & Sandy will participate in the Trunk or Treat at the School starting at 5:30 p.m.

- OCTOBER 31: Trick or Treat will be Saturday at the Library in the AM.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Still have not heard from accountant from Cahill & Knobel about doing our audit. Another email was sent to Amelia regarding this.

Pat will be coming in to the library to learn how to reconcile Quickkbooks.

OLD BUSINESS:

We will meet on 10/22 at 5:00 at the library to go over creating a fundraising brochure. Nancy will order pizza.

The fundraising letter was approved and Lisa will get it printed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Book Sale Dates: July 24 -August 7. Set up will start on 7/15 when the tables will arrive, and books will be moved on July 16 & set up. Clean-up will be after August 7. Left over books will go to Ithaca on August 10 or 11. We need a Book Sale Committee and are looking for suggestions.

Adjourned: 8:08 p.m.