

MAMAKATING LIBRARY
BOARD of TRUSTEES MEETING
January 8, 2014

PRESENT: Trustees Barbara Semonite, Jeanne Roosa, Ron Weathers, Bob Andersen, Mildred Melchionne, Terry Stiano – Skype, Director Greg Wirszyła

ABSENT: Trustees Kevin Reardon excused

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. in the community room of the library. Trustee Semonite welcomed guest: Stash and Aubrey Damonsky and Mr. Jim Arnot

The agenda was adopted as amended on a Roosa-Andersen motion, carried unanimously.

MINUTES:

Correction to the December minutes: Jeanne Roosa was opening the donation account

A motion to approve the minutes of December 4th with the correction was made by Trustee Andersen and second by Trustee Weathers. All in favor motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Trustee Roosa submitted the Treasurer's Report - report attached.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Trustee Andersen, second by Trustee Melchionne. All in favor motion, carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Greg submitted the Director's Report – see attached

Discussion was held regarding the cost of the craft programs regarding the cost to the participants. There will be two upcoming programs one for children and one for adults; other programs are in the works. Our circulations is up over last year.

At the Director's meeting it was decided that there will be a button in the catalog that will allow patrons to purchase books from Amazon. The SUPLA meeting this month will be hosted by Mamakating Library.

OLD BUSINESS

Fundraising: Jim Arnot discussed fundraising ideas. He would like to help with a marketing plan. Suggested we sit down with a committee to draft a marketing plan. Committee of 3 would be appropriate and he would volunteer to help. The board agreed with this idea and will meet on Friday the 24 at 9:30 at Mr. Arnot's office on Sullivan Street. Barbara and Mildred volunteered to be on this committee and Greg will participate as his schedule allows.

Barbara reported on the fundraising committee's first meeting today held at Barbara's house. The committee members are Trustee Semonite, Roosa, Melchionne and public volunteers; Louise Travor and Susan Armisted. Current plans are to host a March 20th Breakfast for community leaders and others interested parties. Spring into Action/ New Beginnings will be the theme of the breakfast. We will ask the Friends to buy the food; will have a packet for them attendees with donation letter and an informational flyer.

Another event will be “Music in the Park” with the Swing Shift orchestra in the Village Park in early June. We will have raffles and free ice cream. The purpose of this event is to fundraise but also to raise community awareness of the new library.

We will also schedule presentations to bring the information regarding the new library to community organizations. Trustees Semonite, Roosa and Melchionne have conducted one for the Emma C Chase PTO; this was received very well by all attended. Other community organization we would like to present to; Lion’s Club, Veteran’s association, Rotary Club, Knights of Columbus, etc.

NextChapter.org is the Nyack library’s donation page. We could model their pages and have something similar on our website.

Facebook page will be handled by Patti Andersen.

Greg will follow up with MaryKate for a picture of the library to be use as heading of the donation page.

Mildred will make invitations for the March Breakfast

Trustee Stiano suggested we look into Applebees’s book program for possible donations.

Jeanne reported that we have received \$63,000 this month in donations from various sources

Discussion ensued regarding donation for areas to be named and levels of donations.

New Building:

Greg discussed the meeting Architect, Inc. and DASNY. Based on the revisions to the building project made last month the new plan will have to be resent to the six bidders.

We received a \$210,000 construction grant \$ not available until sometime in the summer.

NEW BUSINESS

POLICIES:

Discussion on policies was tabled until next month. Policies to be reviewed will be Unattended Children and Bulletin Boards.

Budget for 2015:

Greg reported on the budget for 2015. Based on operating costs for 2015 we will need to ask for an increase and this must be submitted in the Spring of 2014. We have not had an operating cost increase in several years and now the NYS Retirement System is increasing. This will have a significant impact on our budget.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – Public Comment

Mr. Arnot who commented earlier in the meeting was not present at this time. Stash and Aubrey Damonsky volunteered to help the library and Mr. Damonsky volunteered to make a thermometer fundraising sign so we can display it on the site of the new library and the community can see our progress towards our goal. Discussion was held regarding ways the community has helped the library.

A motion to adjourn to Executive Session was made by Trustee Stiano, second by Trustee Andersen motion carried unanimously at 8:05pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

No other matters discussed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Roosa, second by Trustee Withers motion carried unanimously at 8:20pm.

Respectively submitted

Mildred Consolo-Melchionne
Board Secretary