

**MAMAKATING LIBRARY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**Held on Tuesday, April 9th, 2024 at 6:00pm at 128 Sullivan Street, Wurtsboro NY**

1. **PRESENT:** Trustees Patricia Andersen, John Buying, Jennifer Holmes, Pamela Mann, Pamela Rice, Mark Tourtellott, and Director Cheryl Jones.

**ABSENT:** Chelsea Roth

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion to adopt agenda as amended made by Patricia Andersen, seconded by Pamela Rice. Nay vote by John Buying, motion passes.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES- MARCH 2024**

Motion to accept March minutes made by Mark Tourtellott, seconded by Pamela Mann. Nay vote by John Buying, motion passes.

5. **FINANCE REPORT**

Finance Report presented by Jennifer Holmes. See attached.

Motion to approved April vouchers made by Jennifer Holmes, seconded by Mark Tourtellot. All in favor, motion carried.

6. **DIRECTORS REPORT**

Director Cheryl Jones's comprehensive report was distributed. See attached.

Items of Note:

- Weed Warriors garden clean up day scheduled for 4/13 to get the gardens looking beautiful for spring
- The library gave out over 700 eclipse glasses to the community
- 11 Adult Programs serving 122 patrons; 12 Youth Programs serving 96 patrons
- 2 Teen Volunteers completed 5 hours of volunteer services in February

- Cheryl visited Tiny town on 3/5 and met 10 families and their kids to do a read aloud and talk about library services
- The town board approval of the storywalk on the D&H Canal Trail was covered on pg. 2 of the 3/29 Sullivan County Democrat

## **7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Long Range Plan- no report
- Policy/ByLaws- ALA Freedom Statement

Motion to accept and adopt the Mamakating Library Resolution Regarding ALA Library Bill of Rights as written made by Jennifer Holmes, seconded by Pamela Mann. All in favor, motion carries.

The Policy/ByLaws committee would like to have an attorney review the proposed ByLaws. The Budget/Finance Committee will discuss at their upcoming meeting.

- Building and Grounds – no report
- Budget/Finance – no report

## **8. OLD BUSINESS – N/A**

- NYLAF

Motion to approve NYLAF Resolution to Join the Fund as amended made by Jennifer Holmes, seconded by John Buying. All in favor, motion carried.

- Mamakating Library Board Evaluation- documents sent for January meeting

The board reviewed and discussed the Mamakating Library Board Evaluation

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

- Harassment/ Hostile Work Environment Compliant

Complaint filed against Mamakating Library Board of Trustee member John Buying was reviewed and discussed. See attached.

- ALA Core Values for Librarians

Director Cheryl Jones shared the ALA Core Values for Librarians with the board (informational, no action required)

**10. POLICY REVIEW/ REVISIONS**

N/A

**11. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Public Comment – 3 minute limit per person.

Barbara Semonite, past board member, expressed gratitude to Cheryl Jones and the staff for collaborating with the Community Church Food Pantry on their crock pot food project. 77 crock pots were distributed along with ingredients for a cowboy crock pot soup. Item of note, last year at this time the Food Pantry was serving 60 families per month. The Food Pantry is currently up to 100.

Janet Lybolt, community member, expressed thanks to Cheryl for hosting D&H Canal 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee meeting and for taking the meeting minutes. This is a tremendous opportunity for the town and village to have visitors experience all that the community has to offer.

Richard Jones, speaking as a member of the community, expressed concern about one member of the Board of Trustees who is argumentative about procedures of the minutes, does not work well with rest of board members, insists other board members need to be replaced, has created a hostile work environment, and tends to micromanage policies and procedures of the board. As such, Mr. Jones respectfully recommends John Buying resign his position as a member of the Board of Trustees so that the position could be filled by a supportive and productive member of the community.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by John Buying, seconded by Mark Tourtellot. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Rice, Board Secretary