

**Board of Trustees
of the Blauvelt Free Library
February 27, 2024**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President M. Andrea.

PRESENT: K. Beckmann, T. D'Angelo, D. Danner, D. Gallagher, L. Honig-Andrea, C. Morrissey, S. Pagnani, A. Ryan, D. Syko, and M. Valentino

EXCUSED ABSENCE: M. Ceci, J. Ready

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

INTRODUCTION/WELCOME: M. Andrea introduced the Library's new Director, Claire Morrissey.

MINUTES:

Motion to accept the minutes of the January 23, 2024 meeting with corrections was made by K. Beckmann, and seconded by S. Pagnani. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

S. Pagnani reported for J. Ready. Complete Treasurer's report is attached for January, 2024. Board members asked questions regarding some of the line items and S. Pagnani explained in detail.

Motion to accept the January, 2024 Treasurer's report was made by K. Beckmann, and seconded by D. Danner. Motion passed unanimously.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Thrift Shop – M. Andrea advised that we received a check from the thrift shop in Piermont for the hours we volunteered in the past quarter. The agreement we have with them is to have volunteers assist them for twenty-four hours a month in order for payments to us to continue. D. Gallagher, K. Beckmann, and C. Morrissey expressed interest in volunteering. Board discussion ensued.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

T. D'Angelo reported. The fire extinguishers were inspected on February 2nd by State Line Fire and Safety Inc., and we were informed that two of our extinguishers in the building should be mounted. The library staff continues to take inventory so we can move to the new system. Usage has increased and notarizations continue to increase as well. The Library received the Construction Final Report Approval and request for the FS-10-F form. Once approved, we will receive our final payment of the renovation grant for the Community Room. On February 15th the number of check outs was 207 and we surmise it is because the next school day was "Rockland Read-in" day.

OLD BUSINESS:

School Funding Vote/Resolution – M. Andrea surveyed our Trustees because all the other libraries have gone forward with it.

A motion to move ahead with supporting the School Funding was made by K. Beckmann, and seconded by D. Danner. Motion passed 6-0, 2 abstained.

Annual Report to RCLS – M. Andrea indicated that T. D'Angelo, M. Darnobid, and our accountant, Ken Gach, assisted in putting the report together to submit to RCLS.

Town Agreement Resolution – M. Andrea distributed a copy of the agreement between the Town and Library. Board discussion ensued. M. Andrea expressed interest in opening the library on Sundays once again. This may require adjusting the hours during the week to add the hours to Sunday. Board discussion ensued.

Roof/ Chimney Repairs – M. Andrea advised that we had a second chimney fixed earlier this month and will need to have someone come in to give us an estimate on painting in that area.

CO Detectors – M. Andrea advised that we installed several more detectors throughout the building.

NEW BUSINESS:

NY State Construction Grant Submission – Discussed in the Director's report.

Programs: Barry Koch-Solar Eclipse Program March 27, 2024 – M. Andrea advised that this program will be held at the library.

Barry's Report – M. Andrea advised that B. Koch has been doing our newsletter and other projects remotely for us and submits detailed expense reports to us for 20 hours a week of work. We are unsure as to how long this relationship will continue, now that the new Director has been appointed. Board discussion ensued.

Future Programs – M. Andrea advised that this will need to be reviewed and possibly collaborated with other libraries. He receives weekly newsletters and asked the other trustees to go to their websites and see what they think we could also do at our library.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

A motion for adjournment of the Public meeting, and go into Executive Session, was made at 7:39 PM by D. Gallagher, and seconded by K. Beckmann. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 7:00 PM.