

Pawlet Public Library
Monthly Meeting of Board of Trustees

MINUTES

August 2, 2022

Present: Trustees attendance: Sue LaPorte, Jacki Becker, Diane Mach, Kathryn Lawrence, Harley Cudney

Absent: None

Public Comment: None

Community Members: Jeanine Seitze, Jed Rubin, Linda Welch

Library Director: Lyndsi Barnes

Call to order: 5:59 pm-Diane opened the meeting with a call to order.

Public comment: None

Review of Operating Norms: The meeting began with Diane reading the Operating Norms.

Motion made to approve July minutes by Kathryn, seconded by Diane

Motion to approve August agenda by Jacki, seconded by Kathryn

Treasurer's Report: Kathryn reviewed report. Account is in very good standing. Discussed income from booksale. This year was felt to be fairly successful. Expenses for sale were minimal this year.

Director Report: See Report-Adult and Children's programs reviewed. Lyndsi is in discussion regarding adding additional Children's concerts, including a possible holiday event. Encouragement to board to attend events when able.

Received the grant IMLS ARPA which will be used to fund the YA programming. Lyndsi is building this collection. Collection movement-transfer YA books to Large Print collection area and out of the Children's Area.

Community Resource Coordinator. Sara Young has resigned as Community Connector and the search is underway. 12 hours a week, on location in the library. This is a decrease of 4 hours a week. Lyndsi will monitor whether this is sufficient once replacement is on board. Job description is posted in various areas, website, FB page, Indeed and FPF at this point, more will be added.

Library use, see report.

Book Sale Review: There was an issue with a disgruntled staff member.

Discussion regarding how helpful the custodians continue to be and reflecting that in an increase in pay. Volunteers in general were phenomenal. Increase in reimbursement for the custodians as well as to Jed for the use of his barn.

Harley made a motion to increase reimbursement of 2 custodians \$200 a piece, \$400 to Jed Rubin for the use of his barn, \$100 each to 4-H and 6th grade volunteers. All approved.

Harley asking about reimbursement for zip ties and consider reimbursement for a cart to use at barn and sale. \$264 plus tax. Consider development of a policy to address this procedure. Kathryn made a motion to reimburse Harley for the cart, Sue seconded, all approved.

Volunteer team was encouraged with attendance and community atmosphere. Consider increasing the prices for next year.

Additional signage would be helpful for various areas.

Linda felt we needed paid ads in the newspapers. Was blue the best color for the posters?

Diane does not believe we pay the school for it's use. We seemed to finish in good standing.

Need bill for the food.

Fall Raffle: Coming up quickly after book sale. Sara needs notification of items no later than August 15th. Extended discussion about whether the fall raffle is something that we want to continue doing. It was initiated when the library was not doing well financially, which is no longer the case.

Diane made a motion that we continue with library raffle this year. Kathryn seconded. 4 aye, 1 nay. Increase visibility of the items. Discussion about taking a global look at our fundraising and exploring other methods of fund raising for the future.

New Business: none

Unfinished Business: none

Public Comments: None

Reflection of Norms: Read by Diane. Acknowledge that there is some discord of opinion regarding fund raising.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:20

Next Meeting September 6, 6 pm