

Fulton Public Library
Board of Trustees
January 31, 2022

Attendance:

Trustees Present: President Ellen Himes, Jackie Havener, Carolyn Mosier, Kathy Sipling, and Bob Vayner, and Dennis Merlino via zoom
Trustee absences: Sarah Fay and Pat Kush
Also present: Library Director Caroline Chatterton via zoom

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM by President Himes.

Adoption of Agenda:

Carolyn Mosier **moved to accept the agenda**, Kathy Sipling seconded the motion and all approved.

Public Comments: none

Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes and Agenda:

Kathy Sipling **moved to accept the December 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes**, seconded by Carolyn Mosier. Motion carried.

Review Financial Reports:

The financial reports were reviewed.
Carolyn Mosier **moved to accept the financial reports and expenditures**. Kathy Sipling seconded the motion and all approved.

Library Director's Report:

Caroline Chatterton presented the Library Director's Report (see attached). The library has decided to cancel some in-person programs because of Covid numbers rising. Mary continues to do displays near the main floor circ desk. Caroline has been working with NY Statewide Senior Action Council and OCO on an idea for a couple of "Little Free Pantries."

We are planning a Winter Reading Program "Book Bingo" for the month of February. We have officially accepted the quote from Educational Furnishings and placed the order for new furniture for the children's room. The air purifier came and is installed in front of the upstairs Circ desk.

Committee Reports:

- Capital Campaign: no report
- Finance: The committee will be meeting in February.
- Grant: waiting to hear from Crawford and Stearns.

- LRSP: the committee has met twice in January. They have defined goals to work toward and will be meeting on Feb. 16 through Zoom.
- Personnel: no report
- Policy: Dennis Merlino reported that the policy committee has started reviewing the employee handbook. They have updated the Employee Rules section.
- Safety/Maintenance Committee: no report

Unfinished Business:

- May Budget Vote: The board reviewed the tax cap report for 2022 – 2023. Discussion ensued. Decision was tabled until next month.

New Business:

- DRI – Jackie Havener moved to a vote for continuing or discontinuing with the DRI. Carolyn seconded the motion. Motion to discontinue working with the DRI was passed by the majority.
- Audit: Discussion was tabled until next month.
- Trustee Training – Mid Hudson Library Systems. midhudson.org Ellen encouraged board members to take advantage of the free training and she will send out the link.

Public Comments: none

The **meeting was adjourned** at 5:12 PM by Ellen Himes.

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2021 at 4 PM.

There will be a Friends of the Library zoom meeting on Wednesday, February 9 at 6:30 PM. All are encouraged to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Sipling
Secretary