

Katonah Village Library Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 18, 2017 -- 8:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting following the Holiday Party

Call to order (Alan Eifert) at 8:13 p.m.

Present: Kate Silverstein Galligan, Susan Polos, Steve Brotmann, Jack Freudenheim, Alan Eifert, Mary Herrnsstadt, Rhea Johnson, Joe Stark, Nathalie Dalrymple, Alan Eifert, Director Mary Kane

Absent: Virginia Lanigan, Joe Tropiano, Barbara Chinz

Also Present: New Trustees Susan Popovic, Craig Intinarelli, Jennifer Versacci, Anthony Mamo

Minutes

Minutes from the October meeting were approved without exception.

Alan thanked Joe Stark and Nathalie Dalrymple for their six years each of service to the library.

Director's Report (Mary Kane)

Please see Director's Report below

Finance (Nathalie Dalrymple)

We reviewed the budget for 2018. ACTION ITEM: The KVL 2018 Budget was approved by all present in a unanimous vote.

Book Sale (Mary Herrnsstadt)

Two prototypes have been received for portable shelving.

Buildings and Grounds (Mary Kane)

Event insurance is a concern. Going forward, outside organizations will need to take out event insurance in order to serve alcohol.

Nominating Committee (Susan Polos)

We welcome our new KVL board members: Anthony Mamo, Craig Intinarelli, Michael Dwyer, Jennifer Versacci and Susan Popovitch.

Personnel Committee (Stephen Brotmann)

Steve B noted that the Personnel Committee met.

Fundraising Committee (Kate Galligan)

No report.

Programming (Jack Freudenheim)

A group met to discuss storytelling: Jack, Joe T., Barbara, Susan, Mary and Maura joined with Jack to work on this program with Melissa Heckler, storyteller. Jack has an idea about an Indonesian puppet play and music which we will move forward with. We are also looking into an Arabic program to tie in with the Katonah Museum of Art. Joe Stark is suggesting YouTube curation and promotion for YA. The Open Mike event was a big success, drawing 26 people.

Community Engagement Committee (Alan Eifert)

Stephanie is promoting the survey with the parents in the Children's Room, as the participating demographic so far has been mostly seniors
The new website will go live January 2, 2018.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, January 22, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Polos, Secretary

November 28-December 14, 2017

Programs

This month, **Great Decisions** discussed the *Media and Foreign Aid Policy*. The **Library's Book Group** read *Exit West* by Mohsin Hamid, and the **World Affairs Book Club** enjoyed *The Gatekeepers: How the White House Chiefs of Staff Define Every Presidency* by Chris Whipple. The Creative Grant workshops **Let me tell you a Story, Memoir Writing/Altered books** ended with a public memoir reading. In collaborative programming, **Bedford Audubon** offered a well-attended program *Bears in your Backyard*, and KVIS continued its series *What the Health in Going on Your Plate?*

Building

The Library purchased a new projector—as the old one broke. It was installed by Rade Popovic, board member Susan's husband—who volunteered his time and energy!

Art Exhibit

Botanicals and Beyond by with artist Corinne Lapin-Cohen and the students of the Stonehouse Studio, until February 1.

Meetings and Events Attended

- Defibrillator training for Staff
- Development meeting with Community Center: Clare Murray, Lisa Brotmann, Ali Vigil and Maura Rosenthal
- Staff training on new econtent with Westchester Library System at KVL
- Strategic Planning Workshop Westchester Library System
- Public Libraries Director's Association Meeting