

Katonah Village Library Board Meeting Minutes *Tuesday, May 28, 2018, 7:30pm*

Regular Meeting

Call to order (Virginia Lanigan) at 7:38 p.m.

Present: Barbara Chintz, Steve Brotmann, Jennifer Versacci, Anthony Mamo, Mike Dwyer, Virginia Lanigan, Susan Polos, Susan Popovic, Director Mary Kane

Absent: Jack Freudenheim, Alan Eifert, Mary Herrnstadt, Craig Intinarelli, Kate Galligan.

Minutes

Minutes from the April meeting were approved without exception.

Director's Report (Mary Kane) Please see below for additional information.

Re NYS Annual Report

Mary explained that the report is primarily a statistical compilation, including numbers provided by staff related to programming and finances. It is required that the Trustees approve the NY State Annual Report.

Action Item: Motion was made, and seconded, to approve KVL's Annual Report. The report was unanimously approved, with requirement that a few non-substantive clerical corrections be made before its submission.

Presentation

Staff member Ali Vigil, informed the Trustees of a number of points each should know about as they serve as ambassadors for KVL in the community. Ali went over the library's improvements and acquisitions that patron donations have enabled including: a defibrillator; CPR Training for staff; ADA compliant doors; Google Chromebooks for in-house usage for patrons; video cameras in the meeting rooms, and; a redesign of the Young Adult Room. Future goals were also discussed, including mobile book shelving to improve collection accessibility, upkeep of the historical building, more video cameras for patron safety, a coffee nook, iPads at the circulation desk (so we can accept credit cards), tables in the plaza and reopening the historical entrance. As Katonah Village Library is a warming station during storms, we also briefly discussed whether we should have a generator. Ali also brought up Tina the Turtle—the library's ambassador—and her need for a new tank. Stephanie Mandella has been working with Teatown Nature Preserve for ideas on Tina's housing. Stephen B. suggested totes or T-shirts featuring Tina, the proceeds of which could help pay for Tina's needs.

We discussed engaging community and importance of building relationships with young families. We have tripled KVL's followers on social media channels..

Finance Report (Dwyer)

Finances are on track.

Book Sale Committee (Herrnstadt)

Given Mary H.'s absence: No report.

Buildings and Grounds (Brotmann)

There is a need for video cameras. We have had graphic novels, headphones and a ukulele stolen. Approximate cost for the cameras is \$10,450 which would cover inside as well as outside surveillance. Cameras will act as a deterrent as well.

Action item: The motion to approve spending up to \$15,000 for purchase and installation of security cameras was passed unanimously.

The new plantings in front of the building look terrific, and were donated by a patron who requested anonymity.

The exterior of library's original entrance needs painting.

Personnel Committee (Brotmann)

No report.

Program Committee (Chintz)

Storytelling and Open Mic Night programs have been successful.

Community Engagement (Tropiano)

Mary and Joe T. have applied to Joe's company for a small grant for seniors programs.

Spring Fundraising Committee (Galligan and Johnson with Intinarelli and Lanigan)

We are in good shape for the fundraiser. We reviewed responsibilities as listed in last month's minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The next meeting is Monday, June 25, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Polos, Secretary

Director's Report
April 24-May 28, 2018

Programs

Participants enjoyed the latest installment of **Storytelling for Adults**, *Irish Wonder Tales with Marianne McShane*. **Great Decisions** focused on the topic *Pax Americana* and *Inequality and Policy*; **Great Courses** delved into *America's Founding Fathers*. **The World Affairs Book Club** discussed *The Faiths of the Founding Fathers* by David Holmes and the **Library's Book Group** read *Celine* by Peter Heller. Both **Chair Yoga** and **Bridge Instruction** continue to attract a dynamic group.

Building

Pavers and plantings were put in around the garden in front of book drop.

Art Exhibit and Katonah Gallery Stroll

The Library was a part of the **Gallery Stroll**, an art walk around town. Our exhibit of Ron Bucalo's *Celebration of the Blues* and Mark Attebery's *Infrared and Atmosphere* were enjoyed by many. Additionally, there was live blues, and a wine/cheese reception.

Meetings and Events Attended

- Strategic Planning brainstorming session
- Building and Grounds Committee
- Public Libraries Director's Association
- WLA/LARC Annual Conference