



Katonah Village Library Board Meeting Minutes 11/28/22

Abbreviated Meeting – IN-PERSON

Call to order (Mike Dwyer) at 7:40 p.m.

Present: Mary Kane, Rhea Johnson, Sue Hassett, Mary Herrnsstadt, Ali Vigil, Vienna Wong, Tony Mamo, Mike Dwyer, Amy Drucker, Ian Shaw, Susan Popovic

Absent: Jennifer Versacci , Cassie Coccaro, Barb Chintz, Tony Mamo

Approval of Minutes

From Oct 2022 Board meeting approved unanimously.

Finance update: Ian gave the report. Based on how personnel expenses are tracking below budget through October and assuming we have a normal-or-better fundraising season, KVL will most likely not need to pull down the \$80K Special Operating Reserve amount we budgeted for 2022. At this point, we've accelerated into our expenses all the repair work possible. Ian emphasized that we need to do a careful calculation of the go forward personnel expenses and then track those amounts monthly, especially if there is any staff changes (i.e. in 2022 Alex left early in the year and wasn't replaced and Michael Robbin departed reducing our health insurance costs...the related savings in costs were not detected early enough to rebalance staffing). We will plan for a budget meeting on 12/13 vote on 12/15. The town has come through with their \$45K increase in operating support.

Annual Appeal to date: Campaign \$80K, previous year spill over \$20K

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion approved: 2021 Annual report

Motion approved: To move video cameras by Knight Security

Nominating Committee (Popovic)

Motion to approve: Eileen Sullivan, Lawrence Bartelemucci as new board members

Rhea Johnson, Mary Herrnsstadt, Barb Chintz will be ending their time on the board

DEI:

Dec 12th 7:00 for next session with Kym McNair. We also discussed looking at DEI training for municipalities to determine what type of training do we need and collaborative trainings with other nonprofits or local groups

B&G: The painting and woodwork repair on the front of the building is complete – the remainder will be done in the spring. Our sewer hook-up is complete.

Master plan planning will be discussed as part of the Budget process

We discussed that in 2023 we would like to plan for a social event to reconnect with the community.

Planning:

January meeting to jointly meet with KVIS on January 23rd 7:00-8:00

Trustee education – WLS is requiring 2 hrs of training per year.

Booksale: Book sales 12/8,9,10

*****Board Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.**

Please see Director's report attached below.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Hassett, Secretary – pro tem



KATONAH VILLAGE LIBRARY
We are Community...

Director's Report: October 25-November 22, 2022

Programming Highlights

Diwali Celebration: A family celebration of Diwali with music, crafts, Indian sweets and a special dance performance by the Natyamudra School of Dance.

Tina the Library Turtle's 30th Birthday: A large crowd of turtle fans enjoyed cake/cupcakes, birthday card making, turtle bean bag toss and a special visit from Tina's cousin, Tuck. Tina was presented with gifts from the children, and a new outside enclosure made by a local carpenter.

Charlie Cart Cooking Classes: The Charlie Cart (mobile kitchen) was used in two programs. ***Fall Cooking:*** Kids ages 5-9 and Renana Shvil from Fiddlehead Cooking Studio made butternut squash waffles and homemade maple butter. The Charlie Cart was also used for ***Preserving 101***, a collaboration between D.I.G. Farm and Leslie Dock – Farms & Gardens.

Back to "normal"

Groups that were once mainstays at the library but became virtual during covid have returned to in-person. The Library's Sit and Knit group is meeting again as is Great Decisions and MahJong. Also, nonprofits which historically rented the Meeting Rooms but have not done so in the last three years are starting to return.

Donor Development

I was invited to a donors' NYC apartment to view an extensive art book collection which the donor would like to gift to KVL. These high quality art books would be given to the library over the next two years. I shared a detailed cataloging list of what Katonah Library currently owns.

Issue with WLS book courier service

For the fourth time, the courier service left both main public doors wide open from 6am until 9:45am when staff arrived. A patron was sitting at a table studying when

staff came in. The courier service no longer has a key to the library and will only deliver when Katonah Library is open.

Meetings Attended

- Katonah Museum of Art Gala (Ticket courtesy of former trustee Craig Intinarelli)
- Somers Library Trustees and Director for KVL tour
- Katonah Poetry Series Meeting
- ProBono Partnership Rescreening w/ director Maurice Segall and Mike Dwyer
- PLDA