



Katonah Village Library Board Meeting Minutes 4/24/23

Meeting – IN-PERSON

Call to order (Mike Dwyer) at 7:07 p.m.

Present: Larry Bartelmucci, Michael Dwyer, Amy Drucker, Ali Vigil, Mary Kane, Susan Hayes, Jennifer Versacci, Susan Hassett

Absent: Eileen Sullivan, Cassie Coccaro, Tony Mamo, Vienna Wong, Ian Shaw

Approval of Minutes

From March 27, 2023 Board meeting - approved unanimously with minor changes from Mike.

Director's Report (Mary Kane) See attachment.

Action Items:

1. Approval/completion of exterior painting – approved unanimously.
2. Approval of purchase-Children's Room furniture - approved unanimously.
3. Approval of "Use of Pronouns" policy to be added to the employee handbook – approved unanimously.

General Topics and Discussion

The library sent out an eblast on Right to Read day about book banning which has become a very hot topic recently. This sparked a lengthy discussion about the Library's collection development policies.

Finance Committee (Dwyer, Hassett, Shaw)

Currently, we are tracking to be over budget on the programming line with all of the programs planned for the year. The finance committee will review other line items and re-allocate if possible to fund.

The committee is also reviewing responsibilities of Treasurer and Co-treasurer and making sure process is followed when new committee members join so nothing falls through the cracks.

Building & Grounds (Hassett)

No updates.

Nominating Committee (Wong)

As a reminder from last meeting, two issues to resolve, 1) Four board members are cycling off and 2) almost all are Board officers.

The committee has identified a need to standardize the questionnaire and interview questions to be consistent across all candidates. We plan to also add a question about whether they will uphold the mission statement of the library.

The committee currently has one nominee that they are scheduling for an interview.

DEI Committee (Drucker)

The committee is requesting a member of the DEI committee to attend all other committee meetings.

Development Committee (Montano-Vigil)

We discussed the 5/4 Donor Appreciation event and reviewed assignments.

Master Planning Committee (Bartelmucci)

They will begin screening master planners to eventually hire a team.

*****Board Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Versacci, Secretary



KATONAH VILLAGE LIBRARY

We are Community...

March 26-April 22, 2023

Sunday and Thurs late nights have started

While the new Sunday hours did attract community members, the extra hour on Thursday eve did not result in a single person coming in. We will continue to promote and inform the public of the new hours.

Another 3D printer in the library!

Enabling Devices, a local company that makes assistive technology devices, donated one of its 3d printers to the library. The library's two printers are being used constantly by a dedicated and creative group of pre-teens.

Program Highlights

Authors Lauren Acampora, Carolyn Ferrell, Sansa Krasikov, Maya Shanbhag-Lang and Ann Leary gave insight to an appreciative audience regarding their writing processes with "What's your Muse?"

After a few years hiatus due to covid, the Hopp Ground Garden Club was able to host their flower show "And Away We Go, with various arrangements in both rooms, and a large crowd of admirers. (Bonus: the entire downstairs smelled wonderful...) The Katonah Historical Museum (located in the attic of the Library) has been working to promote more exhibits to encourage interest in local history. Currently, they have a postcard exhibit on display certain days/hours.

Personnel office space

As library personnel are already doubling up on computers in the staff room, I recently reclaimed the small office behind my own as staff space for the YA librarian and librarian in training. This small room (adjacent to the YA area) was being used as a "gaming room" for teens. However, not having eyes on the teens and space was often problematic.

Meetings Attended

DEI Committee

Master Planning Committee