



Katonah Village Library Board Meeting Minutes 9/18/23

Meeting – IN-PERSON

Call to order (Mike Dwyer) at 7:15 p.m.

Present: Michael Dwyer, Mary Kane, Jennifer Versacci, , Eileen Sullivan, Cassie Coccaro, Ian Shaw, Amy Drucker, Ali Vigil, Larry Bartelmucci, Susan Hassett

Absent: Tony Mamo, Vienna Wong, Susan Popovic

Approval of Minutes: July 2023 approved unanimously post-meeting via email.

Director’s Report (Mary Kane) See attachment.

Action Items:

1. Board vote on 2022 Annual Report: will be discussed at the next Finance meeting and will be submitted for approval to the Board during the October meeting.
2. Board vote on Trustee nominees: All four nominees have been accepted by the Board unanimously and they will begin as trustees January 1, 2024.

Finance Committee (Dwyer, Hassett, Shaw)

The Finance Committee met with the Town and asked for \$45K, the last installment for us to achieve financial stability. The Town was impressed with the level of detail, facts and plans KVL presented to substantiate the request. However, the price of asphalt is very high and they are repaving many areas this year, plus many others are requesting funding, so the Town does not feel they can satisfy our request at this time. The next meeting is October 11, 2023.

Building & Grounds (Hassett)

There have been some issues with the bathroom facilities. Additionally, the windows in the two back offices need to be replaced to be able to open for safety reasons, emergency lighting will be installed, and the hydrangeas in the garden are being considered to be torn out due to overgrowth into Kellog’s & Lawrence and an insect infestation. Estimates have been requested

and are in review. The library painting of exterior is complete except for one small area on the roof.

Programming Committee (Sullivan)

No updates.

Nominating Committee (Popovic, Mamo, Wong)

KVL Nominating Committee provided the Board with a detailed list of our four nominees including why they are interested in the KVL Board, their expertise and skill set, as well as other considerations. All have been interviewed by the nominating committee and Mary Kane.

Book Sale Committee (Sullivan)

Book sale is moved to November 10-12.

The committee has created a charity account for the library and some items are being listed on EBay.

DEI Committee (Drucker)

No updates.

Development Committee (Montano-Vigil)

The master plan is still being formulated and reviewed. In the meantime, they are working on qualifying a donor list along with a newly designed cultivation plan for this list. The goal is to ask them to contribute to fund our long-term plans as opposed to asking them to fund needs that are more short-term.

Master Planning Committee (Bartelmucci)

Fifteen requests for qualifications were sent, and six will now be asked for proposals.

Mary and Mike reminded all the trustees to complete their MHLS Member Library Trustee training before the end of the calendar year.

*****Board Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.**

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Versacci, Secretary



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July 22-September 15, 2023

New 3D printer has arrived!

A new (very fast) 3d printer is now set up at the library. As you may recall this, is a generous gift from a donor who attended the library's appreciation event. (After meeting with one of the library patrons who utilizes the printers, she was impressed, and wanted the library to have "the very best 3D printer".)

Highlighted programs and events

The Banned Book Group has been reading the 13 most banned books of 2022. In July, the group read/discussed *All Boys Aren't Blue* by George M. Johnson and in August *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison. The library's Well Read Book Group started up again after a hiatus and read/discussed *True Biz* by Sara Novic. KVL is trying out a Bingo Monday and Film Friday, (offered during the afternoon with a focus on attracting seniors).

Kids enjoyed a visit from author and artist Rick Stromoski—learning about his new book and trying out their own cartooning skills. Kids who completed their Summer Reading log were invited to the Jumpin' Jamie's live show (a high-energy show with music, puppets, humor and bubbles). **Cuentos y Canciones**—an all-Spanish Storytime has started up.

The YA's ArtsWestchester grant sponsored KVL's **Art for Community/Art for Self** series with artist Michael Delaney held its five August workshops—all with differing themes—and culminated with an art show showcasing the kids' work.

Building/ Building Issues

- The flushometer (self-flushing mechanism) in one of the downstairs public restrooms stopped working and was replaced. The same toilet also has a piece of rubber stuck in the toilet's hole preventing complete flushing which Spano needs to return to fix.
- The entire exterior of the library has been painted with the exception of roofside windows that were not in the original scope of the paint job. The windows need some woodwork/caulking to be painted.

Meetings Attended:

-Development Committee Meeting

-Webinar: Embodying DEI and Cultural Humility in Workplace

(an overview of cultural humility and connections to wellness.)

-Budget prep meeting with Michael Dwyer and Nancy Walsh (bookkeeper)

- Meeting with Sharp regarding AV Accessibility for hearing impaired
- Meeting with Sharp regarding digital event signs in library
- Quarterly meeting with Town of Bedford
- Website redesign meeting with web designer Patti Barry, Claudia and Kim