



# Katonah Village Library

## Board Meeting Minutes

### 10/23/23

#### **Meeting – IN-PERSON**

**Call to order** (Mike Dwyer)  
at 7:04 p.m.

**Present:** Michael Dwyer, Mary Kane, Jennifer Versacci, Eileen Sullivan, Cassie Coccaro, Ian Shaw, Amy Drucker, Ali Vigil, Larry Bartelmucci, Susan Hassett, Vienna Wong, Susan Popovic, Tony Mamo, New Trustees

**Absent:** N/A

**Approval of Minutes:** September 2023 board meeting minutes approved unanimously.

**Director’s Report** (Mary Kane) See attachment.

#### **Action Items:**

1. Board approval of 2022 Annual Report – Approved unanimously.
2. Emergency Electrical Lighting \$2342 - Approved unanimously.
3. Removal of Hydrangeas and a building of a new fence next to Kellogg’s & Lawrence \$8200 – Approve unanimously.

#### **Finance Committee (Dwyer, Hassett, Shaw)**

We are tracking on budget for 2023 and doing well.

The Finance Committee met with our investment firm and our overall return is 2.6%. They may consider shifting some of the operating reserves into the accounts to earn interest.

The Board members attended the Town meeting in October, and we are now waiting to hear if they are going to support our request for an additional \$45K in annual support. After this is confirmed in a few weeks, we will be able to finalize our budget.

#### **Building & Grounds (Hassett)**

The committee proposed two action items for board approval (see above). We are no longer pursuing a generator to enable us to be a back-up cooling center.

#### **Programming Committee (Sullivan)**

No updates.

**Nominating Committee (Popovic, Mamo, Wong)**

Three of our four new board members starting in 2024 attended the meeting tonight.

**Book Sale Committee (Sullivan)**

Book sale is moved to November 9-12.

The committee has created a non profit charity account for the library and some items are being listed on EBay. First sale was a Muhammed Ali signed pamphlet for \$150!

**DEI Committee (Drucker)**

No updates.

**Development Committee (Montano-Vigil)**

The annual appeal is kicking off at the beginning of November. The matching gift will be \$50K.

**Master Planning Committee (Bartelmucci)**

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

The goal is to select an architect and begin engaging with them by the end of the year.

An outstanding item to be discussed, decided, and communicated to the Town by the Q1 2024 Town deadline is KVL's plan to devote the \$70K of ARPA funding that has been earmarked for KVL to offset the cost of our master planning effort in 2024.

**\*\*\*Board Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Versacci, Secretary



KATONAH VILLAGE LIBRARY  
*We are Community...*

*September 16-October 20, 2023*

**Director's Report**

**Highlighted programs and events**

Despite the rain, Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Day attracted a large, diverse and enthusiastic crowd, who danced to Los Pajaros, Mariachi Band and SonMilanes, a five piece Latin band. There was also crafts for the kids, food from Nolvis (Spanish owend deli in B Hills) a donation of food from Tikal (Guatemalan) deli and handmade goods from the artisans of the Community Studio.

The Banned Book Group has been busily reading a selection of the 13 most banned books of 2022. In late September the group read *Flamer* by Mike Curato. The Well-Read Book Group had an (unhurried) discussion on *The Sound of a Wild Snail Eating* by Elisabeth Tova Bailey.

The Memoir Author Panel provided a fascinating discussion with four authors sharing stories on identity, with author Ann Leary moderating. The Library has two new ongoing weekly classes: Meditation and a Drawing Workshop, both run by gracious volunteers.

**Building/ Building Issues**

- There has been an ongoing leak in the sunroom paneling above Tina the Turtle's tank, which has also seeped through the drywall. Precision roofing visited and will give an estimate. I would also like to get a glazier to take a look.
- Table in the acoustic pod was completely unscrewed and taken off (by an unknown annoying person) and we were unable to fix it. Carpenter called.

**Meetings Attended:**

- Town Meeting with three Bedford libraries (Mike Dwyer)
- Meeting with three event calendar vendors (with Claudia Uccellani)
- Not-for-profit community meeting "Bedford's Coffee & Conversation" with Ellen Calves
- Katonah Library Staff Meeting
- Coordination of Well-Read Book Group for October