



Katonah Village Library

Board Meeting Minutes

12/18/23

Meeting – IN-PERSON

Call to order (Mike Dwyer)

at 6:42 p.m.

Present: Michael Dwyer, Mary Kane, Jennifer Versacci, Amy Drucker, Ali Vigil, Larry Bartelmucci, Susan Hassett, Susan Popovic, Tony Mamo, Ian Shaw

New 2024 trustees: Stephanie Adler Yuan

Absent: Vienna Wong, Cassie Coccaro, Eileen Sullivan

Approval of Minutes: November 2023 board meeting minutes approved unanimously.

Director's Report (Mary Kane) See attachment.

Informational: 2022 Committees and Board Officers, Recognition/farewell to Board Members with term endings.

Action Items:

1. Approval of 2024 Annual Operating Budget – written now with slight modifications later based on annual appeal results – approved unanimously.
2. Sunroom Repairs- approved unanimously.
3. Approval of Additional Language to 3D Printer Policy – approved unanimously.
4. Approval of Library Website Upgrade – approved unanimously.
5. Approval of Library Website Patron / Staff Calendar – approved unanimously.

Finance Committee (Dwyer, Hassett, Shaw)

We reviewed the 2024 Budget. We will have to utilize our operating reserve to cover the deficit due to the Town only approving \$17K of the \$45K request. They will be funding 75% of total expenses in 2024, 3pp less than prior year. Personnel expenses will increase in 2024 due to Sunday hours and minimum wage increase.

DEI Committee (Drucker)

No updates.

Development Committee (Montano-Vigil)

No updates.

Book Sale Committee (Kane)

No updates.

Master Planning Committee (Bartelmucci)

No updates.

Board Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Versacci, Secretary



KATONAH VILLAGE LIBRARY

We are Community...

November 25-December 16, 2023

Director's Report

Highlighted Programs

-**Trivia at LMNOP** had a larger crowd on its 2nd month. (The collaboration between library and bakery is catching on!)

-**The Charlie Cart (mobile kitchen) Cooking Program** for kids made festive sweet milk bread.

-Children prepared for this week's **Gingerbread Fun Program**, by picking up precut/blank gingerbread people. (Participants will decorate the people as favorite book character/being, and the results will be exhibited in the children's room.)

KVL: Everyone is Welcome Here

In October, Katonah Village Library (along with community vendors/individuals) took part in the Inclusive Initiative's neurodivergent training, provided by Anderson Center for Autism. The

library's goal is for everyone with neurodivergence, including autism, to feel that the library is a welcoming space.

-The Children's Library now has a social story available for children to look at when they come to the library. (A social story is a short description of a particular situation, event or activity, which includes information about what to expect in a situation and why.)

-The Children's Room and Main Floor offer noise canceling headphones and fidget/stim toys and sensory objects.

-The Library continues to hold a once a month Monday morning Sensory Friendly Movie in collaboration with The ARC Westchester

Helping Vendors

In an effort to help Katonah/the Chamber light up the town for the holidays (and attract shoppers to our local businesses), the library put up outside lights for the holidays (courtesy of Leslie Dock-library landscaper) and inside as well (courtesy of George McCleary-library grounds/maintenance manager).

Annual Appeal Matching Gift Challenge

The library launched its second matching gift challenge, with a group of anonymous donors offering to match donations, dollar for dollar, up to \$15,000.