



Katonah Village Library Board Meeting Minutes 2/26/24

Meeting – IN-PERSON

Call to order (Susan Hassett) at 7:04 p.m.

Present: Susan Hassett, Mary Kane, Amy Drucker, Alicia Montano Vigil, Larry Bartelemucci, Ian Shaw, Stephanie Adler Yuan, Tanya Fatimi, Catie Hall, Joe Lemire.

Absent: Vienna Wong, Eileen Sullivan

Approval of Minutes

The January 2024 board meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Finance Committee Report (Hassett)

Report on meeting with the bookkeeper. The budget is on target for the year. Ali will serve as second signer on the Merrill Lynch account.

Director's Report (Kane)

- Mother Goose is retiring and we are looking for replacements.
- KVL received a grant from the American Indonesian Cultural Association for a Javanese shadow puppet program.
- The strategic plan/long-term planning committee and teen advisory committee have been assembled. Once a firm is selected for the master plan, this will dovetail with the strategic planning committee.

Action Items:

1. Approval of expense for right-side hot water pump replacement – unanimously approved.
2. Approval of expense for boiler ignition repair – unanimously approved.

Discussion of 414 Plan

The three Bedford library directors met with the town to discuss assembling a task force to explore the possibility of a 414 budget vote. Mary is meeting with various libraries that have adopted a 414 to see how it has worked for them. Interested board members should try to attend at least the first meeting of the task force.

Executive Session

The board went into executive session.

Board meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alicia Montano Vigil, Secretary

February 24-March 22, 2024
Director's Report

Highlighted Programs

Photographer Margaret Fox's art opening had over 60 people in attendance, for a fun evening of art and wine, with three of her photographs selling to interested buyers. **Origami for Adults** with Yoshimi Arai combined exercise, memory and music with the art of origami and was enjoyed by diverse age groups. **The Well-Read Book group** is currently reading *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan. *Strawberry DNA Extraction!*: KVL had a full-house of kids grade 2-5—who extracted DNA from strawberries! The event was sponsored by the Cornell Cooperative Extension—and the kids loved it. Collaboration with the Community Center of Northern Westchester: KVL has lent space and tables for 8 weeks to the community center for a construction program, where students learn to read blueprints and other construction skills in English/Spanish.

Building

- After some major leakage, the sunroom in the Children's Room was professionally stripped, sealed, recaulked and the flashing replaced. There has been no leakage during rains.
- All emergency lights have been replaced with working/updated versions.
- A requested Fire Department safety walk through resulted in a new wall outlet being put in staff room, as I was told microwave should not be plugged into a surge protector outlet.

Meetings Attended

- PLDA (Public Libraries Directors Association)
- (2) Meetings with LibraryMarket (planning new website calendar)
- Meeting with Bill Tishman regarding wine and May 3 Donor Appreciation event
- Meeting with Katonah Poetry Series volunteers (with Ian Shaw)