

February 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

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 (Report below)

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

Director's Report

Highlighted Programs

Black History Month: KVL celebrated Black History Month with **Féraba**—a multicultural group that “fuses the traditional sounds and movements of West Africa with the American artistic form of tap dance.” Over 80 people—families/children/adults on their own—attended this interactive performance. **Art Exhibit by KES kids:** The library is displaying the work of KES students who produced art inspired by neo-expressionist Black artist, Jean Michel Basquiat. **Story Seekers,** the Library's book group for 4th graders, discussed *New Kid*, by African American author Jerry Craft. **Black History Book Displays:** The library curated book displays to celebrate the stories and achievements of Black Americans.

Lunar New Year Program: The Library celebrated the Year of the Dragon! The Charlie Cart

was used by volunteer Meesha Chang to make dumplings and kids enjoyed a craft and story.

Well-Read Book Group: The Library's book group recently read and discussed *Salt Houses* by Hala Alyan and is currently reading *New York, My Village* by Uwem Akpan.

Blood Drive: The NY Blood Center held a blood drive at KVL. They collected 39 units: "Once the whole blood donations are divided into its 3 components (red cells, platelets, plasma), they will help save the lives of 113 patients in our local hospitals." (-Stats provided by NY Blood Center.)

AARP tax aide volunteers meet yearly at KVL to provide free tax help. In the first two weeks, the volunteers filed 31 returns and the next three weeks are fully booked (about 20 clients each week). Lots of appreciative patrons!

Mother Goose retiring!

Laura D'Amico, one of our most popular Children's program coordinators, will be retiring. Laura has been singing and telling stories to KVL kids for 15 years and will be greatly missed!

Grant received

KVL received a grant from the American Indonesian Cultural and Educational Foundation for \$3,000 towards a Javanese Wayang Shadow Puppet Play performed by Puppet Master Sumarsan and the Wesleyan Gamelon Ensemble. The event will be held on Saturday, May 18th and will include authentic Indonesian appetizers.

Building

Emergency lights are currently being replaced on the main floor.

Meetings Attended

- Meeting of Assoc Libraries of Westchester Library System
- PLDA (Public Libraries Directors Association)
- (New) website planning meeting with Peaberry Web
- Meeting with LibraryMarket (planning new website calendar)
- Meeting with Bedford Village and Bedford Hills Directors
- Meeting with Town Supervisor and Bedford Libraries regarding exploration of 414
- 2023 Annual Report for Public and Association Libraries
- Book Banning In 21st-Century America: A Book Talk With Emily Knox
- Master Planning Committee facility tour