



# Katonah Village Library

## Board Meeting Minutes

### 5/22/23

#### Meeting – IN-PERSON

**Call to order** (Mike Dwyer)  
at 7:08 p.m.

**Present:** Michael Dwyer, Mary Kane, Susan Popovic, Jennifer Versacci, Susan Hassett, Eileen Sullivan, Cassie Coccaro, Ian Shaw

**Absent:** Cassie Coccaro, Tony Mamo, Vienna Wong, Larry Bartelmucci, Amy Drucker, Ali Vigil

#### Approval of Minutes

From April 24, 2023 Board meeting - approved unanimously

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

In the month of May, this many patrons visited the library:

Main Entrance	3,601
Children's Entrance	1,531
Total	5,132

The Donor event was very well attended and appreciated by the donors who attended.

#### Action Items:

1. Approval of 2023 revised budget – approved unanimously. The budget now appropriately reflects increased personnel costs based on the library opening Sundays (12-5) and Thursday eves (an extra hour). Additionally, programming was increased to allow the library to host another Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Day (last year it was paid for with a grant), another inclusive cultural celebration and the Donor Appreciation event.

The 2023 revised budget will be posted on the website.

#### Building & Grounds (Hassett)

A painter has been hired and scheduled during the summer for the remaining exterior spaces. The Serenity Garden's climbing hydrangeas are becoming problematic.

**Programming Committee (Sullivan)**

The committee met on Monday, May 1st at 6pm in the Garden Room of the library and reviewed current programming, finding it very comprehensive. Looking at it from a budget perspective, all of the programs that require fees are well-attended.

We discussed DEI programming in terms of what programming would be engaging and appropriate. We agreed events that are interactive and include music, food and children's crafts attract more attendees.

**Nominating Committee (Popovic)**

The committee has three strong candidates who are interested, and Susan shared some details of their applications. Mike asked whether the nominating committee can give some thought to how to appoint the board officers next year.

**Book Sale Committee (Caccaro)**

Mary is investigating an alternate location to hold the book sale since we no longer have the book sorting room in the library.

**DEI Committee (Drucker)**

No updates.

**Development Committee (Montano-Vigil)**

No updates.

**Master Planning Committee (Bartelmucci)**

No updates.

**\*\*\*Board Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Versacci, Secretary



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*We are Community . . .*

*April 23-May 19, 2023*

**Donor Appreciation Event**

The Donor Appreciation event on May 5th was a success: 155 donors attended and enjoyed nosh, wine/craft beer, and more importantly, connected with one another/board members/staff and viewed firsthand what their donations make possible. We have received appreciative notes and comments about the evening. Admittedly, the event was more work than Ellen and I had anticipated, and we are thankful to the staff who proved to be a tremendous help in preparing for the event as well as the board trustees who donated and prepped dessert boxes and helped with craft beer setup.

**Program Highlights**

Participants in *Living with the Seasons Trellising Workshop* learned not only how to build a supporting garden structure but went home with an actual trellis!

*Katonah Poetry Series* are holding a fundraiser in the form of a Haiku contest.

KVL YA has teamed up with Bedford Village Library for *Battle of the Books*, where students compete using their understanding of the selected books.

**Grant**

Kim Naples applied for and received an Arts Westchester grant that will enable the library to offer five art workshops for teens entitled: “Art for Community, Art for Self”. Nyack artist Michael Delaney will encourage teens to use art for community engagement. Workshops include Making Art with Found/recycled Materials; Art for the Outdoors: The Community as Art Gallery; Community Maps and Inner Mazes; How to Paint a Protest Sign and Spotlight on People and Places.

**Preparing for Summer Reading**

The theme for summer reading is *All Together Now!* Staff is busy prepping with reading logs, program planning, decorations, and prizes. This year, Adult Summer Reading will be added to the mix, which will include bingo cards and prizes to inspire reading and varied genres.

**Meetings Attended**

Programming Committee  
Nominating Committee meeting with prospective trustee  
Katonah Poetry Series  
Finance Committee