



Katonah Village Library

Board Meeting Minutes

12/16/24

Meeting – IN-PERSON

Call to order (Ian Shaw) at 7:10 p.m.

Present: Ian Shaw, Susan Hassett, Vienna Wong, Joe Lemire, Larry Bartelemucci, Eileen Sullivan, Amy Drucker, Stephanie Adler Yuan, Tanya Fatimi, Tom Billett.

Absent: Catie Hall, Alicia Montano Vigil

Approval of Minutes

The November 2024 board meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Finance Committee Report (Hassett)

Sue presented the budget for 2025. It included a 5% increase from the town on the income line and accommodates appropriate increases in our salaries and increased utilities costs. The budget is balanced. A motion was presented and the budget was approved unanimously.

Directors Report (Kane) (See below)

Mary Kane, and the entire board of trustees, thanked Vienna Wong for her six years of service as a Library trustee, and presented her with a plaque. Vienna is joining the board of Hilltop Hanover Farm, which may be an opportunity for joint programming.

Open Session

Parents at JJHS are raising challenges of two books. Mary reiterates the reconsideration of materials policy for the library.

The board meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Hassett, Secretary Pro-Temp

November 23-Dec 12, 2024

Director's Report

Program Highlights

The annual Northern Westchester **Etsy Holiday Fair** was a success, bringing together local artisans and enthusiastic shoppers. John Jay's **Treblemakers** held a **pre-concert** at the Library before the Katonah Tree/Menorah Lighting. They sang several songs to an audience sipping cocoa. (Thanks for your help on this Eileen Sullivan!) The library hosted a **Puppy Yoga class** in collaboration with the SPCA, and it was a hit! (How could it not be??) Participants enjoyed yoga while playful puppies roamed. Lots of smiles and hopefully some adoptions! As Harry Stanton, KVL's dedicated Great Decisions coordinator is retiring from the position, the program will continue thanks to the support of several longtime members who will now take turns hosting and coordinating the discussions.

Building and Grounds

-Continuing to have issues with the small water heater that heats the downstairs kitchen sink.

Meetings attended

- 414 Meeting with BDV and BH Library Directors and Library trustees ● (1) Strategic Planning Bi-weekly calls with Margaret Sullivan Studios and BDV director.
- Meeting with logo designer
- Finance Committee Meeting
- Meeting with Arlene Friner and BDV | BH Library Directors.
- Meeting with website design team

