**Rensselaerville Library Board Meeting Minutes: August 15, 2023**

Present: Robert Pondiscio (President) Annemarie Martinez (Treasurer), Joe Frisino (Secretary), Judy Crilley, Paul Ventura, Donna Kropp, Glenn Yelich, Rachel Stoltz, Patrick Wynne (Library Director)

Excused: Jerry Finin (Vice-President), Susana Friedman, Gus Anagnopoulos.

Absent: None

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The meeting was held in person and online. The meeting was called to order by President Pondiscio at 7:00 pm.

Community member, and prospective board member Ellen Boyce was present.

President's Report

Robert gave his report. Gus is asking to take a step back from the Board for a time to attend to personal matters.

Secretary’s Report

Judy made a motion to accept the April 2023 board meeting minutes with the addition of the names of three prospective board members who were in attendance. Donna seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Annemarie presented the Treasurer’s Report. July income was $4300, and expenses of $12,300, which is a little higher than normal due to three payroll periods. Our YTD deficit is $18,200. Total dollars in our accounts is $349,000.

Donna made a motion to accept the May 2023 financials. Glenn seconded. Motion carried.

Finance Committee

Annemarie stated we are seeking a new accountant. Our tax forms are in. The 2024 budget process is starting soon. And a report is being prepared for the Carey Foundation on how we are using the gift.

2023 Construction Grant: The next due date is the end of August when we need to send in our request following review by Upper Hudson. We are still seeking estimates from contractors.

Fundraising Committee

No fundraising committee report this month.

Building and Grounds Committee

Diane Weaver is going to take the lead on garden work on the back lawn.

Development Committee

No committee report this month.

Director's Report

This weekend is Medusa Fest, the Annex will be open and Festival attendees will be encouraged to visit. Rachel will have farmers market in the Annex parking lot. Patrick would like to have open houses at the Annex Tuesday September 12to publicly thank Town Supervisor Dolce, then again on Saturday September 16th. Patrick hopes to have a farmers market there at least twice per month.

Old Business

Block Party. Despite the rainout, we sold dinners out of the firehouse the following day and made about $1600.

Board Recruitment. Robert met with Michael Bennet, the Greenville School Superintendent, who is interested in possibly joining the Board. Robert suggested that he may propose that we raise the number of Board members from eleven to thirteen.

Odyssey of the Mind. The Greenville School District is interested in doing this program in conjunction with the Library. We will offer a stipend to encourage a volunteer mentor.

New Business

Lawn Party. Please sign-up for jobs at the party. Joe will look into live music. If it rains, we may move the party into the Library.

Adjourn

Glenn made a motion to adjourn. Annemarie seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

The next meeting of the Rensselaerville Library Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, September 19, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Frisino