**Rensselaerville Library Board Meeting Minutes: September 19, 2023**

Present: Robert Pondiscio (President), Jerry Finin (Vice-President), Annemarie Martinez (Treasurer), Judy Crilley, Donna Kropp, Susana Friedman, Ellen Rauf, Glenn Yelich, Rachel Stoltz, Patrick Wynne (Library Director)

Excused: 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 7:42 pm.

President's Report

No President’s report his month.

Secretary’s Report

Glenn made a motion to accept the August 2023 board meeting minutes. Donna seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Annemarie presented the Treasurer’s Report. August income was $4400, and expenses of $8300. Please review the finance reports sent prior to the meeting.

Donna made a motion to accept the August 2023 financials. Rachel seconded. Motion carried.

Finance Committee

Annemarie reported that the 2024 budget is being prepared. 2022 tax forms have been prepared by our CPA. Board members will be sent a copy of the 2022 tax forms to review.

2023 Construction Grant: Upper Hudson approved 70% of our requested funding for replacement of the back deck. State approval is still pending.

Building and Grounds Committee

Work on the back deck may begin this Fall. The HVAC unit will be moved before the end of September. Also, we will replace the two outside faucets. Diane Weaver has been contracted to upgrade our back garden. Re: the new Medusa Branch, one patron asked that we upgrade the signage out front.

Development Committee

No committee report this month.

Director's Report

The Library has been doing outreach in Medusa in support of the Annex. Patrick went to the Firehouse breakfast, and Viviane reached out to a Medusa senior group. Several program events are scheduled at the annex. We’ve also received inquiries about renting the space.

New Business

We should get our budget request for 2024 to the Town as soon as possible and include an increase due to our need to staff and maintain the Annex. The board decided to ask for a $4000 increase to $30,000.

Robert asked about reviving the Volunteer Committee or another way to recruit and marshal volunteers for projects. Maybe assign a paid staff member or recruit a volunteer.

The Lawn Party was a great success. Ellen will purchase a bottle of wine to send to the Schragers. Several attendees wanted to pay via Venmo so we will set up an account.

The Greenery Sale will be on December 2nd. The trees have been ordered.

Old Business

Odyssey of the Mind and the writer’s workshop programs with the Greenville SD have not been progressing as quickly as we’d hoped. The school continues to be interested in coordinating programs with the Library. Susannah recommends a more planful, as opposed to an ad hoc approach to proposing programs.

The Library will consider forming an ad hoc education committee to engage with school districts as well as the home schooling community.

Adjourn

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

The next meeting of the Rensselaerville Library Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, October 17, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Frisino