

VALATIE FREE LIBRARY

Minutes of Regular Meeting held on 5/14/14 at Valatie Free Library

Present: Trustees Balon, Benfield, Fullerton, Griesemer, Hotaling, LaRowe, Director Powhida.
Excused: Trustee Hallenbeck.

Others present: Patricia Bianchi.

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM by President LaRowe.

Patricia Bianchi presented to the board about grant writing opportunities. Ms. Bianchi is willing to work with the Library Board to research and write grants for a fee of \$75.00 per hour. Ms. Bianchi will present a letter proposal for each grant and will work on a grant-by-grant basis. Billings would be at the beginning of every month.

On motion of Griesemer/Benfield to retain services of Ms. Bianchi as needed to research and write grants and, upon approval of the letter proposal, authorize Trustee LaRowe to sign the letter approval. Carried.

March and April minutes were presented. On motion of Fullerton/Hotaling, to approve as presented. Carried.

Treasurer's Report (Presented by Trustee Fullerton):

The Board discussed the treasurer's report. On motion of Benfield/Griesemer, to approve as presented. Carried.

Director's Report (Presented by Director Powhida):

Director Powhida presented her report. The Board re-affirmed its desire to obtain a credit card in the name of the Library. The turnout for Mother's Day was great. The Summer program flyers will be delivered to the schools on May 27, 2014 and June 9, 2014. The new public library catalog, ENCORE, is up and running. A link will be added to the website.

The Board discussed the mileage reimbursement policy of MHLS. On motion of Fullerton/Balon to approve mileage reimbursement to Library staff to travel to and from MHLS official programs, Carried.

The Board discussed the participation in the movie discount program. On Motion of Benfield/Fullerton, to approve the participation in the movie discount program (conditioned on two other libraries also participating in conjunction with the VFL) and to apply to the Chatham Film Club for reimbursement, Carried.

Old Business:

The Questar grant is approved but funds have not been distributed yet.

New Business:

Trees were trimmed by National Grid at the Kinderhook Street project.

On motion of Benfield/Fullerton, meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew J. Griesemer