

VALATIE FREE LIBRARY
Minutes of February 15, 2021 meeting (virtual)

Meeting came to order at 7:05 pm

Present:

Trustees: Emilia Teasdale, Shirley Kelly, Jill Leinung, Sally Hogan, Meg Todisco, Joyce LaRowe, Melissa Schieren, Kristi Berner

Library: Director Elizabeth Powhida

Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the January 18, 2021 virtual annual meeting were reviewed. Motion of Trustees Kelly/Hogan to approve the minutes carried.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the January 18, 2021, virtual regular meeting were reviewed. Motion of Trustees Leinung/Hogan to approve the minutes carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Kelly presented her monthly report and an updated final report for 2020.

The board now has four new accounts at the Bank of Greene County and Treasurer Kelly is in the process of transferring funds from the Community Bank accounts.

Treasurer Kelly has completed the reports required by the state.

Motion of Trustees Berner/Schieren to approve the Treasurer's Report carried.

Director's Report

Director Powhida presented her report, including:

- MidHudson is working on the library's website to create a better view on mobile devices.
- Feb/Mar programs include:
 - Second art journaling program from Nancy Kohler
 - Navigating Medicare online workshop
 - Spelling bee
- A patron donated \$1,000 for Kanopy in memory of her sister, which will fund Kanopy videos for the next year.
- Annual report will be sent to MidHudson later this week for review.
- Bird watchers Go-To meeting went well
- Chuck completed a take + make video
- The furniture company is ready to ship the new furniture, which will need to be assembled once it arrives. We may need to close the library to assemble.

Old Business

1. Bank: President Teasdale signed paperwork to transfer funds to Bank of Greene County/
2. Policy Committee Report: Trustee Todisco presented notes for consideration for policy revisions.

Computer Use Policy: The board discussed pricing for black & white and color copies, as well as photo paper. A motion by Trustees Hogan/Leinung to keep the prices the same carried.

Tutoring Policy: A motion to remove the reference to the “meetings” policy, within the Tutoring Policy by Trustees Leinung/LaRowe passed

Patron Code of Conduct: A motion to add a prohibition against any pets/animals inside the Library unless they are service animals, or part of a Library program by Trustees Berner/Hogan carried.

Meeting Space Policy:

The board decided to put this aside until after we look at the group policy.

Other Business

Trustee Leinung reported on NYLA and advocacy day in February.

Trustee Concerns

None

Meeting Close

Motion to adjourn by Trustees Kelly/Leinung at 8:30 carried.

Next meeting: March 15, 2021

Minutes submitted by Kristi Berner.