

VALATIE FREE LIBRARY
Minutes of March 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 Prior Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the February 15, 2021, virtual regular meeting were reviewed. Motion of Trustees Kelly/Hogan to approve the minutes carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Kelly presented her monthly report.

\$80K from Town came in the past week.

The board now has four new accounts at the Bank of Greene County and the funds have been transferred from Community Bank.

Motion of Trustees LaRowe/Leinung to approve the Treasurer's Report carried.

Director's Report

Director Powhida presented her report, including:

- February stats
- Kanopy up and running again thanks to a generous patron
- Update on library insurance
- new children's area
- staff getting vaccines
- library helping people search for vaccine appointments
- New story walk on the Electric Trail
- Staff getting Narcan training
- March + April programs
 - spelling bee was fun
 - MS book club final registration this week
 - adults paint-n-sip
- Annual Report 2020

Old Business

1. Long Range Plan
2. Policy Committee

Board discussed the following policies: Document of Understanding with MHLS, Conflict of Interest, Building Use, Meeting Room Use and Capital Funds.

3. 414

Board discussed the possibility of requesting a funding increase on the November ballot through the 414 process, since the Library did not go forward with the planned 2020 414 due to the pandemic.

Other Business

None

Trustee Concerns

None

Meeting Close

Motion to adjourn by Trustees Kelly/Berner at 8:19 carried.

Next meeting: April 19, 2021

Minutes submitted by Kristi Berner.