

VALATIE FREE LIBRARY
Minutes of July 26, 2021 meeting (in-person)

Meeting came to order at 7:00 pm

Present:

Trustees: Emilia Teasdale, Shirley Kelly, Jill Leinung, Meg Todisco, Joyce LaRowe, Melissa Schieren, Sally Hogan (late)

Excused: Kristi Berner

Library: Director Elizabeth Powhida

Motion by LaRowe/Kelly to accept the June minutes carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Kelly presented her monthly report.

Trustee Kelly asked to move \$5000 of Evelyn Bordewick Foundation funds from operations to capital funds for the door replacement project. Motion made by Kelly/Leinung carried.

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

Director's Report

Director Powhida presented her report, including:

- June stats
- Discussed password on library wifi available for patrons. Currently the library has a password that is given out to people. Trustee Kelly will check with insurance about wifi password.
- Some summer programs have had to be postponed due to weather and the director reported the trivia night will be moved to the fall.
- Director asked to increase the hours on the library. She said she discussed the budget with the bookkeeper and increasing the hours on Monday (open later) and Saturday (open earlier) for a total of 3 hours would cost about \$1000 extra this year. There are funds in the budget. Motion by Kelly/Leinung carried.

Old Business

1. Policy Committee

Motion by Trustees Schieren/Kelly to approve the Internet Use Policy (with changes) carried.

Motion by Trustees Kelly/ Todisco to approve the Website Policy carried.

Motion by Trustees Todisco/Leinung to approve the Library Non-Resident Borrowing carried.

Motion by Trustees Schieren/ Leinung to approve the Freedom to View Policy carried.

Motion by Trustees LaRowe/ Schieren to approve the Freedom to Read Policy carried.

Motion by Trustees Trustee Kelly/LaRowe to approve Weeding Policy carried.

Motion by Trustees Trustee Kelly/LaRowe to approve to approve Wireless Access Policy carried.

Motion by Trustees LaRowe/Kelly to approve to approve Programming Policy (with changes) carried.

2. Motion by Trustee Kelly/LaRowe to sign the Assurances for Construction Grant carried.
3. Motion by Schieren/Leinung to accept the updated Facilities Plan carried.

Other Business

Board created a committee on Virtual Reality program. Committee members are Trustees Schieren and Todisco. Motion by Leinung/Schieren carried.

Trustee Concerns

Trustee Leinung reported on NYLA and Mid-Hudson issues. Board approved signing up for the NYLA membership. Leinung also reported on MHLS workshops.

Meeting Close

Motion to adjourn by Trustees Leinung/Kelly at 9:00 carried.

Next meeting: September 20, 2021

Minutes submitted by Emilia Teasdale.