

**VALATIE FREE LIBRARY**  
**Minutes of June 21, 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

Excused: Kristi Berner, Sally Hogan

Library: Director Elizabeth Powhida

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Kelly presented her monthly report.

Trustee Kelly reported that she signed the library up for a new solar power program recommended by Mid-Hudson called Ampion.

Trustee Kelly reported on the cost for Cyber Insurance. Kelly made a motion to upgrade the Cyber safety insurance, seconded by Schieren. Carried.

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

**Director's Report**

Director Powhida presented her report, including:

- May stats
- Discussed new Covid restrictions in the library – patrons and staff will be required to wear masks, summer programs are scheduled for outside, there will be no time limit on patrons visits and small groups are allowed
- The director is attending a Narcan training
- The director gave the board a copy of the summer schedule

**Old Business**

1. Policy Committee

Motion by President Teasdale/Trustee Schieren to approve the Annual Financial Review Policy (new name) carried.

Motion by Trustees Leinung/Kelly to approve the Inclement Weather/Closing Policy (no change) carried.

Motion by Trustees LaRowe/Leinung to approve the Emergency Plan Policy carried.

Motion by Trustees Kelly/Schieren to approve the Patron Service Policy (name change) carried.

Motion by Trustees LaRowe/Teasdale to remove policy on Friends Groups carried.

Motion by Trustees Kelly/Teasdale to approve three policies on FOIL requests.

**Other Business**

Trustee Todisco and Director Powhida plan to visit the New Lebanon Library to discuss their virtual reality headset program.

There was also a discussion about possibly working with the Valatie Senior Center on book borrowing and other programs.

### **Trustee Concerns**

Trustee Leinung reported on NYLA and Mid-Hudson issues. She discussed the recent state Legislative session being very successful for libraries.

Motion by Trustees Kelly/Leinung to have Pres. Teasdale write a letter to Senator Jordan's office asking to keep the 414 signatures at 25 carried.

The board set a special July 9 meeting at 10 a.m. to discuss policies. And moved the next monthly meeting to July 26 at 7 p.m. There will be no August meeting.

### **Meeting Close**

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

Next meeting: July 26, 2021

Minutes submitted by Emilia Teasdale.