

**VALATIE FREE LIBRARY**  
**Minutes of September 20, 2021 meeting (virtual)**

Meeting came to order at 7:04 pm

Present:

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

Approved absence: Sally Hogan

Library: Director Elizabeth Powhida

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

Meeting minutes of the May 17, 2021, regular meeting were approved with minor edits after a motion by Trustees Kelly/Leinung.

Meeting minutes of the July 19, 2021, regular meeting were approved after a motion by Trustees Kelly/LaRowe.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Kelly presented her monthly report.

Treasurer Kelly pointed out the library will receive a \$100 check from solar and the library received more money from library services in August.

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

**Director's Report**

Director Powhida presented her report, including:

- Monthly statistics

- Summer Statistics

- New desktop computer - recommendation

- Movie Night post-poned to Oct. 30th

- Valatie-Kinderhook Bike Ride - October 9th

- September-October programs

- The Great Give Back -month-long collection of items for cancer patients

- New ITT person

- Construction Grants - Furnace and Doors

- 3 ceiling lights out at the library

Charging stations coming to all Columbia County libraries- county received funds from federal stimulus bill, money must be spent by December

Motion of Trustees Kelly/Schieran to buy a new computer carried.

Trustee Leinung congratulated Director Powhida for writing an excellent application to Mid-Hudson for the construction grant.

## **Old Business**

### **Committee Reports – policy updates**

- The following policies were discussed and approved
- Freedom to View Policy
- Freedom of Information Act: Appeal and Request
- Website Policy
- Annual Financial Review Policy

2. Virtual Reality Committee – put on hold until program in effect
3. Book Sale – October 2<sup>nd</sup> as part of village-wide tag sale from 10a-2p, board members can volunteer to sort through books in advance or work the tables on Saturday

## **New Business**

Snowplowing and mowing – Treasurer Kelly to solicit bids this month

## **Other Business**

None

## **Trustees Concerns**

1. Trustee Leinung – NYLA & MHLS Updates  
Annual meeting October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
NYLA Executive Director resigned  
Library Advocacy Day is March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

## **Meeting Close**

Motion to adjourn by Trustees Berner/Kelly at 8:12pm carried

Next meeting: October 18, 2021

Minutes submitted by Kristi Berner