

VALATIE FREE LIBRARY
Minutes of February 21, 2022 (virtual)

Meeting came to order at 7:05 pm.

Present:

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

Library: Director Elizabeth Powhida

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Motion by Trustees Kelly/Leinung to approve the minutes from the January meeting was passed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Kelly presented the February monthly report, including:

- Town sent \$80K for the year.
- we received another \$150 donation in January
- security upgrade for alarm is complete
- we need to register for Amazon Smile, donations will go straight to bank account

Motion by Trustees Hogan/Berner to register for Amazon Smile carried.

Director Powhida will publicize the Amazon Smile donation opportunity in the next library newsletter and add to the library website

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

Director's Report

Director Powhida presented her report, including:

- January stats
- Annual Report - being submitted tonight, board will get a copy, anyone can come to the library to see the report
- MiSci grant - for ICC primary school. MiSci will do STEM program during the time usually allotted to the Director Powhida in April/May
- Library Assistant position open - new hire for Program Coordinator resigned, recommend Danielle to move to Program Coordinator
- Recent Programs - Two "Take and Make" for Groundhog Day and Valentine's Day, where parents pick up supplies for children to make craft at home. Twenty-nine children from a local home school group participated
- Narcan training - Wednesday, March 16th, open to community, Director Powhida encouraging staff to attend. Free supplies included.
- New furniture - scheduled to arrive June 17th
- Congressman Delgado held an information session at the library attended by 3 community members

A motion by Trustees Kelly/Berner to hire Danielle Brown as Program Coordinator carried.

Old Business

1. Amazon Smile (see above under Treasurer's report)
2. Policy/Bylaws tabled until March
3. Trustee opening
4. 414 - waiting to see how many signatures will be required, VP Leinung will see if she can find out how long pandemic exception will last.

New Business

None

Other Business

Short discussion regarding non-resident borrowing. Library can offer a non-resident card, but only books can be withdrawn from the library (no digital access).

Trustee Concerns

VP Leinung - NYLA & MHLS Updates

Advocacy Day is March 2, 2022

Trustees can sign up for meetings with legislators during the week of February 28th on the MidHudson library website

Trustee Book Club available

Meeting Close

Motion to adjourn by Trustees Kelly/Todisco at 7:58pm carried.

Next meeting: March 28, 2022

Minutes submitted by Kristi Berner.