

**VALATIE FREE LIBRARY**  
**Minutes of April 25, 2022**

Meeting came to order at 7:01 pm.

**Present:**

Trustees: Emilia Teasdale, Shirley Kelly, Meg Todisco, Kristi Berner, Melissa Schieren, Vivian Becker, Jill Leinung

Excused absences: Sally Hogan

Library: Director Elizabeth Powhida

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Trustees Kelly/Leinung to approve the minutes from the March meeting (with two minor typos corrected) carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Kelly presented the March monthly report, including:

- lawn mowing will begin soon
- Bank of Greene County proxy vote explained
- Bank of Greene County granted \$1,000 for the electrical work, have not received the check yet
- Contractor for new doors and insulation has increased the price by \$650 from the original estimate due to the increase in cost of materials. Recent fundraising will cover the unexpected costs.

Motion of Trustees Kelly/Becker to approve the Bank of Greene County proposal to wave dividends carried.

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

**Director's Report**

- reviewed most recent monthly stats
- electric and furnace updates went as planned, including new light over desk and new light outside on a sensor
- old furniture for sale - Trustee Schieren posted on NextDoor
- publication of newsletter - waiting for estimate from ProPrinters
- summer program planning continues
- new library volunteers include one intern through June, plus two participating government students
- a community member is looking to start a mahjong class at the library
- estimate for arrival of new furniture is June 17th

**Old Business**

1. 414 - the library will be requesting additional funding from the Town of Kinderhook to cover required minimum wage increases and a small increase in cost of programming. Discussion

about the process of collecting signatures to get the 414 request on the ballot and the amount that needs to be requested.

2. Policy/Bylaws - review and discussion of Code of Ethics

### **New Business**

None.

### **Other Business**

None.

### **Trustee Concerns**

None.

### **NYLA and MHLS Updates**

Trustee Leinung reports the NYLA mini-advocates meeting is May 17th at the Albany Hilton. There is no cost to attend.

### **Executive Session**

None.

### **Meeting Close**

Motion to adjourn by Trustees Leinung/Becker at 8:10pm carried.

Next meeting: Monday, May 16, 2022

Minutes submitted by Kristi Berner.