

VALATIE FREE LIBRARY

Minutes of May 16, 2022

Meeting came to order at 7:00 pm.

Present:

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

Excused absences: Kristi Berner

Library: Director Elizabeth Powhida

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Motion by Trustees Kelly/Becker to approve the minutes from the April meeting carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Kelly presented monthly report, including:

- Contract for mowing from Tom Hall Construction and Landscaping. Trustee Kelly received two bids.

Motion made by Trustees Kelly/Schieren to approve the contract carried.

- Trustee Kelly reported that taxes are still being worked on. The deadline has been extended until November.

- Bank of Greene County granted \$1,000 for the electrical work, have not received the check yet.

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

Director's Report

- reviewed most recent monthly stats
- estimate for arrival of new furniture is June 17th
- old furniture for sale – no word yet
- publication of newsletter will be in June and the director is deciding what post offices to deliver it to
- director reached out to insurance agent about a summer program with Mud Creek that will take place at the Kinderhook Creek. Library's insurance agent recommended that the library be covered by Mud Creek's insurance for that program
- the library plans to offer chair yoga in person

Old Business

1. 414 – board discussed the process of collecting signatures to get the proposition on the ballot and the amount that needs to be requested.

Motion made by Trustees Schieren/Leinung to ask voters of the Town of Kinderhook to approve increasing the total budget of the library by \$18,710 carried.

Trustee Leinung will contact the board of elections and the town lawyer about the wording of the ballot proposition, and Trustee Kelly will get the petitions to board members. Currently the library needs 445 signatures to get the proposition on the ballot.

2. Policy/Bylaws - Trustee Todisco handed out proposed updated bylaws with discussion items and edits that the board will review.

New Business

None.

Other Business

None.

Trustee Concerns

Trustee Teasdale announced that Trustee Sally Hogan has sent an email of resignation to the board.

Trustee Becker asked about posting the hours in a place that is more visible from the road and/or parking lot.

NYLA and MHLS Updates

Trustee Leinung reported that the NYLA mini-advocates meeting is May 17th at the Albany Hilton. She will be attending.

Starting in 2023 there will be a requirement for trustee training hours – MidHudson is a provider of those training hours.

Executive Session

None.

Motion to adjourn by Trustees Kelly/Schieren at 8:31pm carried.

Next meeting: Monday, June 20, 2022

Minutes submitted by Emilia Teasdale.