

VALATIE FREE LIBRARY
Minutes of October 17, 2022

Meeting came to order at 7:05 pm

Present:

Trustees: Emilia Teasdale, Shirley Kelly, Kristi Berner, Jill Leinung, Meg Todisco, Melissa Schieren, Vivian Becker, Laura Rogers
Library: Director Elizabeth Powhida

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Kelly presented the October monthly report.

Library expensed increased because we are required to buy more books for the county-wide Overdrive system

Book sale fundraising is \$223.95 and will be reflected in next month's report

Snow clearing expenses have increased for this winter season.

snow plowing is up \$5 to \$55

salting sidewalks is up \$10 to \$60

plowing parking lot remains \$100

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Motion of Trustees Kelly/Leinung to accept the snowplowing proposal from Hall Construction carried.

Treasurer Kelly attended a Mid-Hudson seminar on e-rate, the board discussed the pros and cons.

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

Director's Report

September 2022 Statistics:

Library Visits: 490 (down 50 from August)

Physical Item Circulation: 1,036

E Circulation:

- Ebooks 277

- Eaudio 129

- Emagazines 249

Internet Access 254

Museum Visits 5 reservations books/5 people went

Canopy: 27 people

October 2022 Items:

- sexual harassment forms due from board members- type in sexual harassment on Mid-Hudson

- Remaining Programs - mason jar craft with adults, button art craft successful, walk around mud creek successful on Saturday, cookie decorating coming in December
- new program will be offered- Marcella Kellaher - chair yoga - - 5 sessions - i
- Remaining Holidays - the library will closed on Saturday, Dec. 24th for the Christmas holiday and Director Powhida suggested the library should also close Monday, December 26th.

A motion by Trustees Kelly/Schieren to close the library on Dec. 26, 2022, passed.

- Construction Grant – we received an email that said we will receive \$2,500. They keep back 10% and the library gets the rest after the library director completes paperwork.
- Overdrive Budget
- student patron Hudson Vally - she is in a group that is collecting books for prisons. We will let her have whatever books she wants from our storage shed.

Old Business

1. 414
 - Mark Leinung made signs to get out the vote. The signs are in and everyone should take one and put up.
 - And Op Ed published in last week's Columbia Paper
 - Remind your friends to vote yes & turn over the ballot
2. Building aid
 - Our long term goal is to plug all holes in the building because squirrels getting in.
 - Director Powhida said someone coming tomorrow to work on that
3. Interview committee and ad edits
4. Planters/Bike Rack
 - Ron Rich on the trail committee cleaned out the big cement things near the trail. He really want
 - Ron provided a suggestion for a bike rack and a quote. The board thought a rack holding 9 bikes might be too big. We will ask Ron if he can find one that holds 4 to 6 bikes.
 - Planters - Jill suggested to keep it as a garden

New Business

None

Other Business

None.

Trustee Concerns

Vice President Leinung talked to Rebekka at Mid-Hudson about the director opening.
Rebekka has some suggestions for changes to the job listing
she will post the job listing wherever it needs to be posted and Mid Hudson will push it out
NYLA always has a job listing
Mid Hudson always has postings
Plus, we've posted the job description on our library website

NYLA and MHLS updates

The conference is in November and they have a section for trustees. There is a good rate for members.

The library definitely has to switch to static internet IP address

VP Leinung attended mini-conference on diversity, equity and inclusion - 3 libraries are offering a book club, 2 libraries are offering other things
They suggest Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is a priority, and each library should make it part of its mission. It's important to be clear that everyone is welcome in the library and each library collection should reflect that.

Director Powhida talked to Spectrum - they said they DO give out static IPs, but they don't like to give out static IPs.

Director Powhida and Treasurer Kelly plan to meet with Jerry at Mid-Hudson tech about the static IP. President Teasdale suggested they talk to our IT consultant Robert.

Meeting Close

Motion to adjourn by Trustees Leinung/Schieren at 8:04pm carried.

Next meeting: November 21, 2022 at 7pm.

Minutes submitted by Kristi Berner.