

**VALATIE FREE LIBRARY**  
**Minutes of September 19, 2022**

Meeting came to order at 7:01pm

**Present:**

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

Excused absence: Vivian Becker, Laura Rogers

Library: Director Elizabeth Powhida

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Trustees Kelly/Leinung to approve the minutes (with 2 minor edits) from the August meeting carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Kelly presented the August monthly report.

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

**Director's Report**

- 655 library visits for August
- Summer Report handed out
- Board members need to complete the annual sexual harrassment training
- Director Powhida attened a directors meeting on Friday
- Workshop on E-rate and Trustee Education Series
- Static IP address - Mid-Hudson recommends that we get a static IP address, related to limitations in Sierra. When we lose power - we get a new dynamic IP when the power comes back.
- Director Powhida will call Spectrum to see how much it a dynamic IP address costs. She will check if they will do this as a donation because we are a nonprofit
- The Great Giveback - Mid-Hudson libraries collecting coats Sept. 15- Oct. 15
- Zanta, which helps women and children in shelters, would like us to display a collection box for period products
- 2021 construction grant- the award letter will be mailed directly to the VFL with the final amount - last year we got exactly what we asked for
- Columbia County Libraries Association is sponsoring a series on Martin Van Buren. It's an online presentation offered by Lindenwald and the Historical Society. The library will post a sign and also post signs around town.

**Old Business**

1. 414 - signs and tax cap resolution.
  - Mark Leinuny ordered 25 signs for the 414. They cost \$275.57 with shipping and handling.
  - Treasurer Kelley attended the 414 workshop and gave the board an update.
  - Treasurer Kelly drafted a 414 Q & A which we will use.
  - A motion by trustees Berner/Leinung to approve the tax cap resolution carried.

2. Book sales - Two more book sales coming up:

- 10/1 - book sale at the library from 9a to 3p, including puzzles
- 10/8 - Valatie Fall Festival on Main Street - Noon to 5p

3. Video conferencing resolution update - the board has determined this is cost prohibitive, considering the system the state would require.

### **New Business**

1. Freedom to Read review

-Mid-Hudson Director Rebekka wants to make sure all libraries have passed this resolution. The VFL has a policy where people can make a formal complaint about a book, and then it goes before the board.

-There are now about 50 groups nationwide, now promoting removing books

### **Other Business**

None.

### **Trustee Concerns**

Vice President Leinung is attending a Mid-Hudson meeting next week at the Claverack Library

### **Executive Session**

Trustees Lienung/Schieren made a motion to go into Executive Session which carried

### **Meeting Close**

Motion to adjourn by Trustees Berner/Schieren at 8:10pm carried.

Next meeting: October 17, 2022 at 7pm.

Minutes submitted by Kristi Berner.