**Rensselaerville Library Board Meeting Minutes: March 21, 2023**

Present: Robert Pondiscio (President) Jerry Finin (Vice-President), Annemarie Martinez (Treasurer), Joe Frisino (Secretary), Judy Crilley, Paul Ventura, Donna Kropp, Gus Anagnopoulos, Glen Yelich, Patrick Wynne (Library Director)

Excused: Rachel Stults

Absent:

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The meeting was held in person and online. The meeting was called to order by President Pondiscio at 7:04 pm.

No public participation.

President's Report

No formal report this month. We have an estimate for $1500 for moving the outside air conditioning unit. The unit will be moved to underneath the back deck. We will not move forward until all parties accept the compromise.

Secretary’s Report

Jerry made a motion to accept the December 2022 board meeting minutes. Judy seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Annemarie went over the January and February 2023 financials. We currently have a YTD surplus of approx. $14,500.

Donna made a motion to approve the January and February 2023 financials. Glen seconded. Motion carried.

Finance Committee

The Bank of Greene County (BoGC) money market account has a much lower interest rate than our Vanguard account, so Annemarie transferred $75K from BoGC to out Vanguard account. The $75K represents 6 months of operating expenses if our fundraising efforts go south. A semi-annual review of asset allocation took place. Review the asset allocation document Annemarie had developed.

Tax form preparation has begun. A review of possible grants for the new annex will occur once we have a clearer picture of our needs.

Fundraising Committee

We will be able to use Stonecrop at the Carey Institute for the cocktail party on May 27th. Gus will send a list of needed tasks. We will use the term "suggested donation" rather than advertised fixed ticket price. We may raise the suggested donation to $25.

Robert would like to encourage our most consistent donors to become monthly sustainers. A discussion of the pros and cons ensued. There was also a discussion of a season pass for Library fundraisers. The fundraising committee will consider the options and make a recommendation.

Gus reached out to a musician friend to do a group fundraiser for the Library, Conkling Hall, and the Church. The board agrees to go forward with this.

Building and Grounds Committee

The pipes in the downstairs meeting room have been boxed in. This year the building and grounds committee will focus on the back of the building and on landscaping.

Development Committee

No committee report this month.

Director's Report

Diane Weaver has been hired as a clerk. Viviane Galloway has been hired as Program Manager. The Talks on Thursdays have been generating good will. Robert asked about recording them and posting to YouTube. We won't be asking Middleburgh school district for an increase. We will ask Greenville School District for a 2% increase. Walk-in traffic has doubled since the pandemic receded. Jerry asked Patrick to outline the hiring process for the new hires.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

No new business.

Adjourn

Glenn made a motion to adjourn. Joe seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

The next meeting of the Rensselaerville Library Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Frisino