**Rensselaerville Library Board Meeting Minutes: May 16, 2023**

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

Excused: None

Absent: None

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The meeting was held in person and online. The meeting was called to order by President Pondiscio at 7:03 pm.

No public participation.

President's Report

Robert spoke about the situation re the HVAC equipment. Robert read the content of the letter sent to the neighbors. A copy of the letter is attached below. A meeting will be held with all parties when all parties are next in town.

Robert then introduced prospective board member Susannah Friedman who is being considered to replace Ken Rypkema.

Executive Session

The board went into executive session to discuss and vote on Susannah’s nomination.

Gus made a motion to Accept Susanna onto the board. Donna seconded.

Secretary’s Report

Susannah made a motion to accept the April 2023 board meeting minutes. Judy seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Annemarie went over the April 2023 financials. Nothing of note occurred in April. We currently have a YTD deficit of approx. $2300. Asset diversification has begun within the parameters set forth in our Financial Policy.

Glenn made a motion to approve the April 2023 financials. Joe seconded. Motion carried.

Finance Committee

An extension on our tax submission forms has been submitted. We need to begin thinking about the upcoming construction grant submission.

Fundraising Committee

Cocktail Party: Gus is trying to get artists to donate art for a silent auction during the cocktail party, seven artists have agreed so far. Gus is donating the food.

Block Party: Bands have been identified. Food, road closures etc. are falling into place.

Building and Grounds Committee

Jerry and Patrick met with Richard Platel to come up with a list of needed building projects. Next, we need a professional carpenter to provide estimates and schedule work. A few items on the list may be good for the 2024 construction grant, in particular rebuilding the back deck. Another is a new floor for the children’s room.

Development Committee

No committee report this month.

Director's Report

Patrick hopes to do a formal opening of the annex on July 8th, if we are ready. We may ask the community to suggest names for the annex. Patrick has been working to strengthen the Library's connection with the Hyuck Preserve.

Old Business

Writer’s Program: We will go forward with the writer’s program for high school students. There is a $2325 cost for the author.

Fundraiser Musical Performance: A classical concert is being proposed to be held at the church, with a reception afterward at Conkling Hall. Still to be determined is whether or not the if the event will be a fundraiser.

Annex: Guilderland Library is selling shelves and we put in a bid for them. A couch had been donated. Upper Hudson will visit the branch Saturday to look at the wifi to connect it to the UHLS system.

New Business

No new business.

Adjourn

Glenn made a motion to adjourn. Robert seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

The next meeting of the Rensselaerville Library Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, June 20th, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Frisino