**Rensselaerville Library Board Meeting Minutes: July 18, 2023**

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

Excused: Gus Anagnopoulos, Glenn Yelich

Absent: None

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The meeting was held in person and online. The meeting was called to order by President Pondiscio at 7:02 pm.

Three potential new board members were present: \_\_\_\_\_.

Secretary’s Report

Judy made a motion to accept the April 2023 board meeting minutes with one change regarding not needing town planning board approval to move the HVAC system. Jerry seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Annemarie presented the Treasurer’s Report. Current income of $2500, and expenses of $8500 which is normal given we get the majority of our income at the end of the year. Our YTD deficit is $10,200.

Joe made a motion to accept the May 2023 financials. Jerry seconded. Motion carried.

Finance Committee

Annemarie moved $10,200 into two Vanguard stock market accounts in accord with the Board’s direction to move more of our investments into stocks. Current allocation is 53% stocks, 24% bonds, and 23% cash.

Fundraising Committee

No fundraising committee report this month.

Building and Grounds Committee

2023 Construction Grant: The plan is to request money for the back deck and stairs in 2023, an overhang for the deck in 2024, and work on the front of the building in 2025. We got an estimate for a back deck of close to $50K which is double what we can expect to get for the Grant. Composite decking is very expensive. The material will last for decades, as opposed to using pressure-treated wood. We will ask for a second estimate using treated wood.

The HVAC system will be moved by the end of August. Robert went to the town planning board with the neighbors to try to resolve the disagreement about the property where the current HVAC system is currently located. The neighbors agreed to a lot-line adjustment to settle the property-line dispute in exchange for our moving the HVAC onto the new deck. It is as yet unclear if the planning board will require a full survey.

Development Committee

No committee report this month.

Director's Report

We are seeking someone to lead Story Time for pre-school children on Thursday morning at 10 AM. The position pays $75 per week. The annex will be cleared of the existing furniture; wires have been installed for wi-fi. The plan is for the annex to be open and staffed on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10AM to 2PM when the Transfer Station is open. Board members are encouraged to read the detailed Director’s Report provided prior to the meeting

Old Business

Block Party: Board members are encouraged to sign up for a task at next week’s Block Party fundraiser. There will be two stages, four bands, and all-you-can-eat meal that includes a vegetarian option.

New Business

Susan described options for having a Fall workshop. One project is the Odyssey for the Mind Project. The big hurdle is the need for volunteers who can commit a significant amount of time.

Adjourn

Susanna made a motion to adjourn. Rachel seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

The next meeting of the Rensselaerville Library Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, August 15, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Frisino