Minutes of the April 4, 2023, Regular Meeting

of the

Lake Pleasant Library Board of Trustees

Members Present: Karen McComb, Donna Benkovich, Beth Knapp, Kathy O’Connell,

Toni Morrison, Pam Pooler, Nancy Seifts.

Staff Absent: Sherry Matthews

Public Present: Florence Braunius

Meeting Called to Order at 3:55 p.m.

1. Public Comments: None.
2. Motion to approve the Minutes of March 7, 2023, made by P .Pooler, seconded by D. Benkovich and passed: 4 Yeas, 0 Nays and two abstentions: K. O’Connell and N. Seifts.
3. Friends Report: None.
4. President’s Report – K. McComb
   1. Firetower Festival has changed to 9/2/23 to correspond with NYS Firetowers Light the Night.
   2. New exhibit in display case includes items used in the home in the last 100 years. Will be displayed through May. Discussion on future displays will be decided when Sally Cross, President of the Historical Society and library representatives meet.
5. Committee Reports
   1. Finance – N. Seifts

Reports are attached. Finances are in good shape.

D. Benkovich questioned the legality of total reimbursement for program expenses (inc. tax. Nancy Seifts informed her that sales tax would not be reimburse but will confirm with the county treasurer

* 1. Collection – S. Matthews, T. Morrison, R. Cook, N. Welch

Next collection meeting will occur when the Director returns from vacation.

P. Pooler questioned the collection regarding the Caldecott books and missing titles.

P. Pooler made a motion that all Caldecott titles are physically the property of Lake Pleasant Library and if not in the collection that the titles be purchased, seconded by D. Benkovich and passed unanimously.

Motion to restrict all Caldecott titles to patrons of Lake Pleasant Library made by K. McComb, seconded by D. Benkovich and passed unanimously.

* 1. Publicity – D. Benkovich, B. Knapp

Caitlyn Stewart is creating flyers for the art show. B. Knapp would like to continue the virtual tour of the art exhibit. Board will research applications to enable this or contact an individual who may be willing to continue with the virtual show.

* 1. Building – K. McComb, K. O’Connell

Glass display has been *repaired* so that both doors are in working order and both doors slide well. The board appreciates the efforts of the town workers in making this repair.

P. Pooler suggested that the racks for storing artwork be moved to the conference room toeliminate the need to carry items up or down the attic stairs.

* 1. Personnel – B. Knapp

No report until yearly evaluations are completed.

* 1. Fundraising – K. McComb, T. Morrison

Thank you to N. Seifts who donated a gift card for the gift card raffle.

* 1. Events/Programs – S. Matthews, B. Knapp, T. Morrison, D. Benkovich

Mystery Game Night will be held April 12th. P. Pooler is looking for volunteers to help.

Motion to appropriate $300.00 for purchase of ducks for the Quackapalooza made by P. Pooler, seconded by N. Seifts and passed unanimously.

Book Club organizational meeting April 10 from 6-7 p.m.

There will be a dancer for Storytime in May. *There was some discussion as to the lack of knowledge by board members of this presentation at Storytime.*

Events in June – Audobon program 6/20.

Events in July – CCC program with Marty Podscotch is 7/6. Program on Garrow 7/27.

Library will have a table at the Farmers Market this summer: 7/6 and 8/3.

Possibility for Shakespeare in the Park TBA.

* 1. Community Involvement – P. Pooler

Community Pride Day is May 3rd, and the library will participate. Board members who are willing will meet at the second parking area at 10:00 a.m. The library will be partnering with members of the Town Board.

August 8th: the Library will be the venue for a fabric/craft sale. Details TBD.

1. Director’s Report – S. Matthews
   1. See attached.
2. Old Business
   1. SALS Construction Grant was submitted.
3. New Business
   1. K. McComb discussed an Artist Reception for the artists who exhibited this year. Possibility of holding reception in September. Board agreed. B. Knapp will look at options and contact artists.
   2. Caldecott Award Recognition – one child has completed 60 of the titles. Discussion ensued regarding amount of monetary award, type of recognition to award in addition to the medal. Award TBD.
   3. Community garden plot – Board determined not to pursue this at this time.
   4. K. McComb will give the annual *community* report to the Town Board on April 17th.
   5. K. McComb made a motion to recommend to the town board the appointment of Florence Braunius to the library Board of Trustees to complete the term of Nancy Welch . The term will run until December 31, 2024.
   6. May 15th – SALS dinner for Board members. P. pooler, B. Kapp and S. Matthews will attend. Sherry will RSVP to SALS.
   7. Virtual Trustees Training on April 18th 5:00 – 6:30.

Motion to adjourn was made at 5:35 p.m. by D. Benkovich, seconded by P. Pooler and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Toni E. Morrison, Secretary

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be May 2, 2023 at 4pm at the Lake Pleasant Library