



BOARD OF TRUSTEES Meeting
Approved Minutes
April 2, 2024

Present

Lauren Casper (President), Jacqueline Preiss Weitzman (Secretary), Peter Swiderski (Treasurer) Tim Donahue, Lauren Links, Debbie Quinn (Director)

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the February 27th meeting were approved.

Day-to-Day Operations

The Children's area was very busy last week during spring break.

There will be a children's used book sale from April 10th to 17th in the lobby since there is an overflow of kids' books in The Barkins' Corner Bookshop. Paperbacks will be \$.50 and hardcovers \$1.00.

The Annual Report has been submitted to NYS. WLS always reviews them, and asked Sue Feir to check on a few entries. Once we have the final copy, Debbie will share it with the board.

Early Voting in the Orr Room went smoothly. Debbie thanked Jacquie and Peter for their early morning monitoring. The next round of early voting will be June 14th through the 23rd.

Lauren and Debbie attended the Library-Municipality Relations workshop that was presented by Stephanie Cole Adams at WLS, and they reported that it was inspiring. They learned a lot and Stephanie pointed out some things that we should know about our charter, bylaws, insurance, etc. The board was sent a recording of the presentation and the packet that was given to participants. Jacquie asked if we should review the materials as a group and Debbie suggested the board take time at our next meeting to do so.

Budget

The Budget Work Session before the Village Board of Trustees was on Wednesday, March 13th. Peter accompanied Debbie. Peter also gleaned some facts from the annual report which he arranged in a chart to present to the members of the Board of Trustees for them to see the breadth and depth of the library's programming and its use by our community.

Treasurer's Report

Peter gave his treasurers report on the Memorial and Anderson funds, which he plans to make a quarterly tradition. His report stated the following:

We began the year with almost exactly \$120,000 in both the Memorial and Anderson funds combined. The Anderson Fund originated with a \$50,000 bequest intended for literacy purposes. The Memorial Fund has grown over the years through donations dedicated to long-term projects.

Calculations determined that the combined funds had produced a 8.75% return the previous year, or a total of \$10,100. He set aside \$3,600 of this as a permanent add to the capital of the funds so these monies grow and keep up with inflation. The remaining monies, \$6,500, were earmarked for spending this year.

Over the years, for various reasons, the Memorial and Anderson funds had been intermingled. The Board agreed to reconstitute the original \$50,000 Anderson fund. Since \$50,000 is 5/12 of the \$120,000 that was in the joint accounts at the beginning of the year, Judy Kaiser (library bookkeeper) will allocate all monies among these two funds accordingly.

As of the end of the 1st quarter, based on this allocation, we have \$76,778.90 in the Memorial Fund and \$54,849 in the reconstituted Anderson Fund. This reflects growth of about \$11,638 since the beginning of the year.

The \$6,500 earmarked for spending has been allocated as well in the same fashion, with 5/12 of that spending allocated to the Anderson fund, and the rest to the Memorial Fund. Director Quinn was informed in March that she has \$2,708 that can be spent from the Anderson Fund. In keeping with the original bequest, this should be spent on books of any media or literacy programs and should be spent in full this year. There is a further \$3,792 available from the Memorial Fund – this can be spent on any purpose identified by the Director though should be shared with the Board for approval. If this money is not spent this year, it will be added to the Memorial Fund principal.

As these monies are spent, Director Quinn should keep Ms. Kaiser informed of the expenditure by fund.

Programming

The Senior Art Workshop with Emily Denise on March 1st was well attended. They had a model for portrait drawing.

Dashiell Jordan from Newington-Cropsey presented for the third time on Legacy and Reception: Painters of the Hudson River School Today. This has been a very popular series. Many of the same patrons attended all three presentations and there were always about 30 or 40 attendees. The Friends offered him an honorarium requested by Mike since Dashiell travels from Brooklyn on Metro North to do these presentations.

Mahjong is gaining new members, knitting has their consistent crowd, and the Keeping It Real book club read *The Good Talk* by Mira Jacob and had some new participants.

Jason Barr was our latest Local Luminaries presenter, and he talked about the world's skyscrapers. There were about 25 attendees and people seemed to enjoy it.

The chess lessons have been very popular. Jeremy Galland has a very nice way with the kids, and they really are learning and enjoying it. The last session is on Thursday.

Fiesta with Flor was on March 15th and she was great! She'll be back the third Friday of April.

Allee will have two interns from Hastings High School working with her in May. One of them, Katie, has been volunteering throughout the year and is terrific and very helpful.

The Photo Club from HHS had their opening reception this evening. Their work will be displayed in the Orr Room for a week.

The 5th through 7th and 8th grade book clubs continue to meet with Allee once a month.

Due to overwhelming interest from the community, Debbie and Allee will be meeting with Mary Beth and the Police Chief tomorrow to see if the venue to host the upcoming total solar eclipse can be changed from the Library Park to Draper Park.

The much-anticipated Taylor Swift pre-release party is "waitlist" only at this point. It should be a lot of fun.

The Ringston-Ward Duo will be back on April 21st for Dreams of Spring: A Musical Celebration for All Ages. Jack and Jessica are graduating from Purchase in May so this will probably be their last performance with us.

Earth Day Community TRASH Cleanup and Walk on the Aqueduct will be on April 22nd. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

WLS and the Sharing Shelf are sponsoring a Denim Drive for Earth Day and Denim Day. The Sharing Shelf will supply a bin that will be in the lobby of the library to collect new or gently used denim clothing from April 17th through April 30th.

Tarry Hum asked if we could have a screening in the fall of Keys, Bags, Names, Words, a film which was shown at the 92nd Street Y to highlight issues that people with dementia/Alzheimer's endure and how communities can help them. No date or time has been chosen yet. The Senior Council will be involved in this program.

The third and final presentation of The Gamut series featuring heads of non-profits will be Sunday, April 7th with Don Chen from the Surdna Foundation.

Tim proposed several new presenters and topics for upcoming Local Luminaries presentations.

Friends

The Friends of the Library's annual Gala will be Sunday, June 9th from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. and the theme will be Just Off Broadway. Alison Cimmet was able to recruit some wonderful new (to us) singers for the event, so the show will go on!

Membership for the Friends has reached over 300 for the first time.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday evening, May 7th at 7:30 pm.