

Philmont Public Library  
101 Main Street  
Philmont, NY 12565

February 8, 2018

The regular February meeting of the Philmont Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:03 PM by President Nathaniel Drake. Also present were Vice President Dave Bolevice, Secretary Faith Benson, Director Tobi Farley, and nominee to the Board Daniel Starr.

A MOTION to accept the December 2017 minutes was made by Bolevice, seconded by Drake, and unanimously approved.

(There was no meeting of the Philmont Library Board of Trustees in January 2018.)

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Farley and accepted. The Library's Operating Fund currently totals \$33,460.11. Discussion included the following topics:

- 1) \$1500 received from the Town of Ghent
- 2) \$2000 received from the MHLS
- 3) A profit of \$956.50 from the Library's January soup sales

The Director's Report was presented by Farley. Topics discussed included:

- 1) Confirmation of approval by the Greene County Council on the Arts of a grant for a July 2018 series of workshops in which participants will write and perform music using instruments that they have made from recycled materials
- 2) Replacement of the outside flag by the DPW
- 3) 35 young people attending the Children's Ornament Workshop in December
- 4) Clean-up of holiday decorations by volunteers
- 5) 30 participants in the Teen Advisory Committee's Reading Challenge
- 6) 12 participants in the Teen Advisory Committee's first Book to Movie Club meeting, sponsored by the Philmont Rotary Club, who supplied pizza
- 7) 19 participants in the Lunch and a Movie program, also sponsored by the Philmont Rotary Club
- 8) The Taconic Hills Community Read program, which will be held on four consecutive Tuesdays beginning on Feb.13, the location alternating between Philmont and Claverack Libraries
- 9) The Taconic Hills School Board of Education meeting, which will be held in the Cultural Center on Feb. 14 at 6:30
- 10) Planning for the fifth annual "Book It!" 5k race/walk, to be held on Sunday, June 10

Old Business:

- 1) Filling the vacancy on the Board of Trustees: A MOTION was made by Benson, seconded by Bolevice, and unanimously approved to appoint Daniel Starr to the Philmont Public Library Board of Trustees, effective immediately.
- 2) Amending the Library's Charter, which will proceed through the MHLS following corrections made on the Petition for Amendment of Charter to the Regents of the University of the State of New York and on the Resolution of a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Philmont Public Library
- 3) Providing the Friends of the Library with a revised Wish List
- 4) Selecting a drop box for Library books and DVD's
- 5) Progress on programs for the residents of Pine Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center:
  - a. Supplying books, audiobooks, and DVD's on a regular basis
  - b. "The Grands and the Littles" story hour
  - c. Arranging for possible student volunteers from Taconic Hills and Hawthorne Valley Schools to read to residents
- 6) The Memorandum of Understanding: A MOTION was made by Starr, seconded by Bolevice, and unanimously approved that the Board accept the Memorandum of Understanding between the Philmont Public Library and the Friends of the Philmont Public Library as presented and discussed in its February 8, 2018, meeting, to become effective upon being signed by the Presidents of the Library Board and the Board of the Friends.
- 7) Announcement of upcoming meetings:
  - a. A MOTION was made by Bolevice, seconded by Benson, and unanimously approved that the Board use the Hudson Register Star as its official newspaper of record, effective immediately.
  - b. Placing dates of the Board's upcoming meetings on the calendars of the websites of the Philmont Public Library and the Village of Philmont
- 8) Ordering new copies of the NYS 2015 Handbook for Library Trustees, and referencing 2016 updates

New Business:

- 1) The need for additions to Library policies
- 2) Updating the Philmont Public Library Contact List

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Drake, seconded by Bolevice, and unanimously approved at 8:52 PM.

The next meeting of the Library Board will be held at 7:00 on Wednesday, March 7, 2018, with a rain date of Thursday, March 8.

Respectfully submitted,

Faith Benson, Secretary