

Philmont Public Library
101 Main Street
Philmont, NY 12565

September 5, 2018

The regular September meeting of the Philmont Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:14 PM by President Nathaniel Drake. Also present were Vice President Dave Bolevice, Secretary Faith Benson, Treasurer Jason Kenny, Director Tobi Farley, Village Liaison Representative Barbara Sagal, and visitors Deborah Gitterman, of Philmont Community Action Neighbors (PCAN), and Village Trustee Brian Johnson.

Village Liaison Report: Sagal introduced visitors Gitterman and Johnson, who presented the Village's proposal to install charging stations in the southeast corner of the Library's parking lot. Discussion included:

- 1) The fact that charging stations reduce carbon emissions: Their installation on municipal property here would make Philmont a "clean energy community", thereby qualifying the Village for NYS green energy grants which would offset the costs of installation.
- 2) Support for the purchase of electric cars locally
- 3) Providing a service to visitors to the area
- 4) Opportunities for local businesses: People (using apps) coming to Philmont from the Taconic State Parkway in order to charge their cars
- 5) The possible increase in the Library's circulation while people wait
- 6) The use of the Library's Wifi for credit card payments, ending at 9:00 PM
- 7) Surveillance of the parking lot by the Library cameras
- 8) Village maintenance of the stations and Village insurance, which covers all municipal properties, including the Library

A MOTION was made by Bolevice, seconded by Drake, and unanimously approved that the Board agree to have the Village install a two-vehicle charging station in the southeast corner of the Library's parking lot.

A MOTION to accept the July 2018 minutes was made by Drake, seconded by Bolevice, and unanimously approved.

Correspondence was presented by Benson and discussed.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Kenny. The Library's Operating Fund currently totals \$50,786.25. Discussion included purchasing ebooks on Overdrive in order to increase the speed of their availability for Philmont patrons.

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

- 1) Money received from Columbia County
- 2) Application for a grant to cover the cost of 6 all-in-one computers
- 3) Grant money received from the Bank of Greene County for the Summer Reading Program, "Libraries Rock", which included musical entertainment, demonstrations of musical instruments, and scientific programs about soil formation and fossils as "Hidden Treasures" by the Mud Creek Environmental Learning Center
- 4) Youth workshops by The Art School of Columbia County
- 5) The Community Square Dance group
- 6) Grounds clean-up by the DPW
- 7) Progress on the removal of a neighbor's dead tree which is leaning over the Library's parking lot

Old Business:

- 1) The delivery and refusal of two damaged book drops
- 2) Policies: Following discussion, a MOTION was made by Benson, seconded by Kenny, and unanimously approved that The Board accept the Emergency Policies as revised by the Board during this meeting, Sept. 5, 2018.
- 3) The Memorandum of Understanding, which needs to be signed by the Presidents of the the Library Board and the Friends of the Library

New Business:

- 1) Creation of a Three-year Plan for the Library: Trustees will each research several long-range plans currently in effect in the MHLS, and report to the Board in October.
- 2) A Community Memory Project:
 - a. Community members engaged in contributing to living history essays through oral interviews, written memoirs, submissions to a blog, etc.
 - b. Workshops on writing memoirs
 - c. Old photographs of the area
 - d. Photographs of community participants working on this project
- 3) Workshops in cursive writing, which is no longer taught in local public schools

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Drake, seconded by Kenny, and unanimously approved at 8:45 PM.

The next Library Board meeting will be held at 7:00 on Wednesday, October 3, 2018.

The Policy Committee will meet at 5:00 on Tuesday, September 18, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Faith Benson, Secretary