

Philmont Public Library
101 Main Street
Philmont, NY 12565

February 6, 2019

The regular February meeting of the Philmont Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:07 PM by President Nathaniel Drake. Also present were Vice President Dave Bolevice, Secretary Faith Benson, Treasurer Jason Kenny, Daniel Starr, Director Tobi Farley, Village Liaison Representative Barbara Sagal, and visitor Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich, Executive Director of the Mid-Hudson Library System.

Visitors in Attendance: Smith-Aldrich discussed the process of initiating and proceeding with plans for the renovation of the Library.

Minutes: A MOTION to accept the January 2019 minutes was made by Starr, seconded by Bolevice, and unanimously approved.

Correspondence was presented by Benson and discussed.

President's Report: None

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Kenny. The Library's Operating Fund currently totals \$44,796.97. Discussion included money spent on new computers and the fact that the Library is on track with 66.3% of its budget having been spent to date.

Village Liaison Report: Sagal requested that the bushes along the Library be preserved during the renovation of the currently existing structure; Starr recommended that the renovation plans include a landscaping component.

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

- 1) A leak in the roof above the front door
- 2) Replacement of a window in the teen room
- 3) Head Start classroom visits, which have resulted in new registrants for the program "1000 Books before Kindergarten"
- 4) \$1000 raised from January Soup Sales
- 5) "Book It!", the 5K race on Sunday, May 5
- 6) The fifth annual "Community Read" program with Taconic Hills, focusing on Silverwing, by Kenneth Oppel, which will begin with school visits the week of Feb. 11 and continue with activities such as simulating the inside of a bats' cave and building bat houses at 6:30 on March 20 and April 10

- 7) A fundraising campaign asking patrons for small daily donations made at the circulation desk, with an escalating goal of raising \$1.00 per day during January to \$12.00 per day in December
- 8) A \$2500 grant received from Greene County Council on the Arts for “A Living History of Philmont: A Community Memory Project”, which will include interviews, written submissions, and an open-ended blog

Committee Reports: None

Old Business:

- 1) Choosing a new logo for the Library
- 2) The search for a Provisional Assistant Library Director

New Business:

- 1) Beginning plans for hosting a Repair Café
- 2) Library Advocacy Day in Albany, Wed., Feb. 27
- 3) The “Library Value Calculator” on nyla.org
- 4) Farley’s and Kenny’s meeting with Assemblyperson Didi Barrett on February 8 to discuss needs specific to the Library
- 5) The meeting of the Friends of Philmont Public Library at 7:00 on March 4
- 6) Participation of the Library in the Brownfields Opportunity Act (BOA) Planning Project
- 7) The future configuration of the Library Board
- 8) An Action List to be added to the minutes from regular monthly meetings of the Library Board
- 9) A change in the schedule for trustees to sign the Oath of Office

Action List:

- 1) All: Respond to Farley’s Logo Development Worksheet.
- 2) All: Email logo suggestions to Farley.
- 3) All: Attend Library Advocacy Day (2/27) if possible.
- 4) All: Attend the BOA meeting (2/16) if possible.
- 5) All: Attend the annual meeting of the Friends (3/04) if possible.
- 6) All: Fill out the Library Value Calculator chart on nyla.org and email it to Farley.
- 7) Drake: Meet with Linda Van Der Meulen, President of the Friends, about licensing and showing movies in the Pavilion.
- 8) Drake: Investigate the presentation of a series of classic children’s movies.
- 9) Benson: Coordinate the Board’s meeting with graphic artist Ron Toelke.
- 10) Benson: Investigate the demand for workshops on cursive writing.
- 11) Benson: Thank-you letters

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Starr, seconded by Drake, and unanimously approved at 8:57 PM.s

The next Library Board meeting will be held at 7:00 on Wednesday, March 6, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Faith Benson, Secretary