

Philmont Public Library
101 Main Street
Philmont, NY 12565

January 2, 2019

The regular January meeting of the Philmont Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:05 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 Karen Garafalo, Secretary of the Friends of Philmont Public Library.

Visitors in Attendance: Garafalo reported that the Friends have received an anonymous donation to the Library of \$10,061.34, under the conditions that the funds “be used towards the capital building fund only” and that “the source of the donation shall remain anonymous”.

The following paragraph accompanied the donation:

“In this era of civic minded shortages, philanthropy has many outlets. The Philmont Library is a sincere community center serving a diverse and sometimes unconventional clientele in a non-judgmental manner, yet with style. That is why I chose it.”

Minutes: A MOTION to accept the December 2018 minutes as amended was made by Starr, seconded by Drake, and unanimously approved.

Correspondence was presented by Benson and discussed.

There was no President’s Report.

The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Kenny. The Library’s Operating Fund currently totals \$47,842.12. Discussion included the mini-grant that the Library received for the mobile library that goes to the Whittier Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center, as well as money to be received from NYS and Columbia County.

Village Liaison Report: Sagal reported that the Philmont Village Board will respond to the Library’s request for the funding of the presently vacant position of Assistant Director with that of a Provisional Assistant Director in the new fiscal year after its work on the 2019-2020 budget is completed.

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

- 1) Progress on the car charging station in back of the Library
- 2) The installation of the new computers with the assistance of regular volunteer Marty Miller, and the donation of the Library’s old computers
- 3) The success of holiday programs in the Library

- 4) Book deliveries to Pine Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
- 5) A service from Burbio, which posts community-wide calendars on websites that:
 - a. List events from the calendars of all subscribers in a local zipcode, including events from the Library's website and Facebook page
 - b. Are free to libraries and other non-profit groups
- 6) Head Start's progress in giving children Library cards and signing them up for the "1000 Books before Kindergarten" program
- 7) January Soup Sales, which will be held from 4:00 to 5:30 every Wednesday in January starting on Jan. 9
- 8) \$3000 in Bullet Aid from NYS Senator Kathy Marchione
- 9) Shades on the pavilion and licensing outside movies: Drake will pursue this with the Friends.

Committee Report: Following Benson's report that Philmont Public Library Policies would be complete after its Appendices are approved, a MOTION was made by Starr, seconded by Drake, and unanimously approved that the Appendices be approved as written.

Old Business:

- 1) Library logos, which will be researched by trustees before selecting images in February and meeting with graphic artist Ron Toelke in March
- 2) Creating a needs assessment for Library renovations:
 - a. Compiling requirements based on current and future uses of the Library
 - b. Planning different ways in which to solicit people's needs and priorities for an expanded Library, including an open community forum

New Business: Organizing a Work/Paint Day for Library improvements, to be headed by Bolevice

Additional topics:

- 1) Presenting a series of classic children's movies: Drake will look into this.
- 2) Expiration of Library cards
- 3) "Library Elf", a feature on the Library's website (philmontlibrary.com), which announces availability of new books, DVD's, and digital magazines
- 4) The possibility of offering workshops on cursive handwriting: Benson will look into this.

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Benson, seconded by Bolevice, and unanimously approved at 8:53 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Faith Benson, Secretary