

Philmont Public Library
101 Main Street
Philmont, NY 12565

September 2, 2020

The regular September meeting of the Philmont Public Library Board of Trustees, held via Zoom teleconference (meeting ID #982 6422 5933, recorded) was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Faith Benson. Also present were Vice President Dave Bolevice, Secretary Mindy Gardner, Chief Financial Officer Rain Whittaker, Director Tobi Farley, and member Nat Drake.

Visitors in Attendance: None

Public Comment: None

Minutes: A **MOTION** to accept the August 2020 minutes without change was made by Drake, seconded by Whittaker, and unanimously approved.

Correspondence (Gardner):

1. The notification for this meeting was emailed to the newspapers.
2. An official thank you note was sent to Sally Baker on behalf of the library board for her assistance with securing us the needed documents for the construction grant application.

President's Report (Benson):

1. Amended the grant application to include a "persuasive essay" in the narrative section, as per Mid-Hudson's suggestion to strengthen the application.
2. Presented Sally Baker with a dual color hibiscus as a thank-you for her help with the grant application. She reiterated her offer of future support and assistance.
3. Explained policies regarding group gatherings under Covid-19 restrictions to community members wanting to utilize the library complex.

Financial Report (Whittaker):

Whittaker reported that she is once again getting the abstracts from the village. She has the abstract for August. However, she does not yet have payroll from the village office, not even the running balance.

Farley commented that the two of them should meet with Carol Pickens and Bob Patterson again, as they are recording transactions differently from how they did them in the past. Whittaker agreed.

Village Liaison Report (Sagal):

None, Sagal absent.

Library Director's Report (Farley):

Topics discussed included:

1. Upcoming kids' programs, e.g., Headstart collaboration, spring seed library, estuaries online program.

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2. The Columbia County Photo Group is putting up a show. Drake asked if this could be the Library's first virtual show. Farley agreed to get Drake contact information for show point person so he could look into possibilities.
3. Re-opening plans.
 - Claverack and Hudson's re-opening dates and re-opening protocols.
 - New, truncated hours for Philmont's soft re-opening: 1-6pm Monday and Wednesday.
 - Discussion around allowing groups back into the building. Decision made to only allow groups that were regular users before the shutdown. No new groups. Regardless, we will wait until mid-October to see how the soft opening goes.
 - Limits: 5 people in the building, 2 at computers.

Policy Committee Report:

After discussion, a **MOTION** to approve the amended version of the Dot Bowes Pavilion Policy was made by Whittaker, seconded by Drake, and unanimously approved. The next meeting was tentatively set for 2pm on Wednesday of the following week. Tobi will send out policies to pursue.

Artistic Events Committee Report: Drake reported an informal meeting with Victor Milin, the co-chair. Marion Vinot, who lives in Philmont, is the artist they plan to approach first.

Building Committee Report: The construction grant has been submitted, revised, and resubmitted. We will get preliminary feedback from the state in October.

Old Business

Farley reported that the individual we approached for Library Board membership declined due to competing interests among village leadership opportunities.

Farley reported that Philmont did not get chosen for the Boatbuilders grant, as they felt we were already fairly resilient as a community.

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Bolevice, seconded by Benson, and unanimously approved at 7:56 PM.

The next library board meeting will be held on October 7, 2020 at 7:00 PM.
