

Philmont Public Library
101 Main Street
Philmont, NY 12565

May 5, 2021

The regular May meeting of the Philmont Public Library Board of Trustees, held via Zoom teleconference (meeting ID #982 6422 5933, recorded) was called to order at 7:02 PM by President Faith Benson. Also present were Vice President Barbara Sagal, Chief Financial Officer Dave Bolevice, Secretary Mindy Gardner, Director Tobi Farley, Member Nat Drake, and Village Liaison Representative Jason Detzel.

Visitors in Attendance: None

Public Comment: None

Minutes: A **MOTION** to accept the April 2021 minutes without change was made by Drake, seconded by Sagal, and unanimously approved.

Correspondence (Gardner):

1. A handwritten welcome note was sent to Jason Detzel, our new Village Liaison Representative.
2. A handwritten note was sent to Debra Gitterman thanking her for her recent service as Village Liaison Representative.

President's Report (Benson):

1. Updated Contact List
2. Updated Policies
3. Worked with Gardner and Farley (who did most of the work) on a request to Didi Barrett and Daphne Jordan for NY State Bullet Aid (money for the boiler and a modular conference/meeting room).

Financial Report (Bolevice):

None

Village Liaison Report (Detzel):

None

Library Director's Report (Farley):

Farley took the Board on a tour of the updated Library website, now live at philmontlibrary.com. Highlighted features included the children's collection, the tool lending library, and the museum passes app. The Board discussed how best to handle the Clark Museum passes.

Summer Reading Program: four virtual children's programs on Fridays in July in collaboration with Claverack, Hudson and Roe Jan Libraries. Take home kits will accompany these programs.

There will be two Battle of the Books teams – Middle School and High School. We have 6 interested kids for the Middle School team.

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There were 4 participants today for the Mother's Day craft: sugar scrubs and bath salts. One family is permitted at a time. The activity is self-led and will be available for several days. Additional pop-up/drop-in projects and activities are planned from June through September.

"Interactive sidewalk" is the new name for the sidewalk obstacle course. Detzel brought it up to Community Day committee, and they aren't keen on it due to wanting fewer people on the street rather than more. We will need DPW permission to put anything on the sidewalk.

Farley reported receiving a \$1000 grant from the Bank of Greene County for Summer Reading programs and \$3,000 from the ALA/ Small and Rural Libraries for the Libraries Transforming Communities Grant. It involves holding at least one community conversation this summer. Funds will arrive by the end of May.

The Central Library purchasing and reimbursing freeze has ended.

Farley is going to try to do two interactive kids movies outside at night in June and September. E.g., the kids will throw cotton balls when Nemo (from *Finding Nemo*) throws little rocks in the movie.

Policy Committee Report:

None

Art Committee Report (Drake):

Drake proposed that our next exhibit will feature the work of longtime Philmont resident Marion Vinot and reported that he spoke to Vinot about the possibility of a mid-June opening. She prefers July. Drake discussed the idea that Vinot's show begins a pattern in which the participating artist then will act as an assistant curator to propose the next Philmont Artist to be featured.

Each show will have a 6-week runtime.

Benson praised Drake's work on and management of the Art Committee.

The Board discussed establishing an annual student art exhibit and a student photo exhibit. Drake will approach local teachers and homeschoolers to ask if they can assist in planning appropriate dates for these two events.

Building Committee Report (Bolevic):

None

Old Business

None

New Business

The Board discussed submitting a NY State Library Construction Grant application for the 2021-2022 cycle.

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Benson, seconded by Drake, and unanimously approved at 8:00 PM.

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The next library board meeting will be held on June 2, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

ACTION ITEMS

DRAKE - Drake will approach local teachers and homeschooler to ask if they can assist in planning appropriate dates for these two events.

GARDNER - Write thank you letters for the grants received.