

Philmont Public Library  
101 Main Street  
Philmont, NY 12565

## **February 2, 2022**

The regular February meeting of the Philmont Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:03 PM by President Faith Benson. (Note: there was no January meeting of the Board.) Also present were Vice President Barbara Sagal, Chief Financial Officer Dave Bolevice, Secretary Mindy Gardner, Member Nat Drake, Director Tobi Farley, and Village Liaison Jason Detzel.

Public Comment: None

Visitors in Attendance: None

Minutes: Benson pointed out a typographical error in the draft December 2021 minutes. A **MOTION** to accept the December 2021 minutes with the change was made by Benson, seconded by Drake, and unanimously approved.

Correspondence (Gardner):

Gardner reported that she sent a thank you letter to NY State Assemblyperson Didi Barrett's office for their recently received grant.

President's Report and Policy Committee Report (Benson):

Benson initiated a discussion among Board member regarding our short- and long-term intentions for the Library building. Benson suggested inviting Sally Baker and Mark Rowntree to inform and advise the Library Board on synergistic opportunities with the BOA process, including the lakefront Community Center.

Two community members were named and discussed as potential Library Board of Trustees of Friends of the Library members.

Art Committee Report (Drake):

Drake communicated his frustration with the delay in launching Marion Vinot's art show. The flooding has necessitated moving the young adult books into the Cultural Center temporarily. He recommended we add a Featured Artist section to the website to showcase that Marion will be having a show at the Library very soon. Drake affirmed he will talk to Marion to define a firm date for the hanging of the work by the next Board meeting.

(Drake left meeting due to cat emergency at home.)

Financial Report (Bolevice):

Bolevice presented the financial report. We received the grant money for the structural project from the NY DLD but it is unclear from the spreadsheet under which asset category it was recorded.

Gardner asked Farley if the approximately \$750 raised by the 2021 Go Fund Me campaign had been received. Farley indicated it had not been.

Village Liaison Report (Detzel):

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Follow up to frozen pipe/flooding incident: an architect report needs to be completed. The pipes were treated with glycerol to prevent a recurrence of the problem. Detzel advised the Library to install a power outage alarm/alert so the DPW can stop by every few hours and monitor the situation.

In response to Farley reporting that the neighbor is asking permission to plant pear trees on Library property to screen their view, Detzel advised finding out exactly how many, where they would be placed, and how tall they will grow.

#### Library Director's Report (Farley):

Farley appraised the Board of a burst pipe due to freezing in the young adult room. All the YA items are tagged as 'in storage' in the catalog, as the materials have been moved into the Cultural Center and are unavailable. Huber and Herringtons are coming to fix and put in antifreeze. Quick Response has been remediating. We've had 2 bids for the remediation of asbestos tiles under the carpet. Both are coming in around \$9,000. The Village Board needs to approve the repairs, and the claim will be covered by insurance.

Farley then informed the Board that:

- We have K95 masks and test kits available for patrons.
- Overdrive bought Kanopy, so we will be getting Kanopy back.
- We are still working with Habitat for Humanity. They moved the shed and are coming back with a new lockset for it.
- Greylock Credit Union will do a talk on how to apply for a mortgage.
- We have received \$1500 from Ghent.
- Through the museum pass program we are adding full passes to the Bennington Museum, Motorcyclepedia Museum, and the Berkshire Museum has a discount coupon pass.
- She has been accepted for training as a Digital Navigator to better let the community know what's out there regarding free or discounted Internet service and equipment.

#### Policy Committee Report (Benson):

There will be a Policy Committee meeting in February 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

#### Old Business

Gardner summarized her findings regarding surveillance cameras.

#### New Business

A patron has complained that our recent Pearl Harbor program was anti-Japanese and has been repeatedly posting a letter expressing her viewpoint on the subject on the Library bulletin board. As this board is intended for time-sensitive events and is not intended for permanent notices, Farley suggested she instead make a brochure that could be left at the library in a conspicuous place.

Bolevice made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 8:50, seconded by Benson, and unanimously approved.

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The next Philmont Public Library Board meeting will be held on March 2, 2022 at 7:00 PM, in the Library's Cultural Center.

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**ACTION ITEMS**

**DRAKE** - Set a firm date with Marion for her show

**GARDNER** - Edit the December Minutes; Track down the Go Fund Me funds

**BENSON** - Set up a meeting(s) with Mark Rowntree and Sally Baker

**FARLEY** - Find out details about the pear trees