

Philmont Public Library  
101 Main Street  
Philmont, NY 12565

## **April 6, 2022**

The regular April meeting of the Philmont Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:10 PM by President Faith Benson. Also present were Vice President Barbara Sagal, Chief Financial Officer Dave Bolevice, Secretary Mindy Gardner, Member Nat Drake, and Director Tobi Farley.

Public Comment: None

Visitors in Attendance: None

Minutes: A **MOTION** to accept the March 2022 minutes with no change was made by Bolevice, seconded by Drake, and unanimously approved.

It was agreed that the draft status of the Minutes would be indicated with a watermark and “draft” in the filename.

Correspondence (Gardner):

Gardner reported that she sent three thank you letters: to two individuals for monetary donations and to one business for a material donation.

President’s Report (Benson):

Benson reviewed her research on the NY Open Meetings Law. The Board discussed the implications and committed to complying with committee minutes and notification requirements to the extent practicable.

A **MOTION** to make all Library committees standing advisory committees, and add the word “Advisory” to the names of all the committees in the By-laws, Minutes, correspondence, and Contact List, was made by Benson, seconded by Bolevice, and unanimously approved.

Financial Report (Bolevice):

Bolevice presented the financial report.

Gardner gave an update to the status of the checks from the GoFundMe campaign. The FOPPL Treasurer has been tasked with setting up a direct connection between GoFundMe and their bank account.

Village Liaison Report (Detzel):

None

Library Director’s Report (Farley):

Farley reported that \$3,000 was received from the insurance company to cover the cost of replacing items stolen over the winter.

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She reported that the delay in getting back into the Teen Room is due to the insurance company denying coverage for the asbestos tile removal. Steps are being taken to fight this decision and get things moving forward.

The Library received a grant of \$1500 from Green County for our concert series. The grant application also asked for money for the Little Art Gallery project but it wasn't funded. Farley will inquire whether the monies received is intended just for concerts or if it can be used toward both projects.

Art Committee Report (Drake):

Drake has confirmed with Marion Viniot that we are committed to working with her.

Steve Wildermuth has contacted Drake about two events he'd like to stage at the Library. Victoria Brill has also been in contact with Drake.

The Board discussed the merits of a one-day pick-up show on the first Sunday of the month during the summer. An art show in the Cultural Center, spilling out into the parking lot, where people bring 1 piece and find a place to hang or place it. All agreed it was a fine idea.

Policy Committee Report (Benson):

A **MOTION** was made by Gardner to incorporate the Advisory Planning Committee into the Advisory Building Committee, seconded by Drake, and unanimously approved.

A **MOTION** was made by Benson to remove from the Pandemic Policy, under Outreach and Engagement in Sections D&E, directive #2: "Library staff may attend in-person community meetings or meetings of other organizations if the meeting space allows for social distancing guidelines to be followed at the meeting." The Motion was seconded by Bolevice and unanimously approved.

Old Business

None

New Business

An Advisory Planning Committee meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM via Zoom.

Benson made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 8:28, seconded by Bolevice, and unanimously approved.

The next Philmont Public Library Board meeting will be held May 4, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

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**ACTION ITEMS**

None