

Philmont Public Library
101 Main Street
Philmont, NY 12565

6 July, 2022

The regular July Meeting of the Philmont Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:07 PM by President Faith Benson. Also present were Vice President Barbara Sagal, Chief Financial Officer Dave Bolevice, Secretary Mindy Gardner, and Director Tobi Farley. Member Nat Drake and Village Liaison Jason Detzel were absent.

Visitors in Attendance: None

Public Comment: None

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

Correspondence (Gardner):

None

President's Report (Benson):

Benson reported that Victoria Brill and Jason Detzel are new members of the Advisory Arts Committee.

The Village's commitment to the Library was discussed at the June Village Workshop meeting, which Benson attended. She has since spoken with a consultant under consideration for hire by the Village, Mr. Syden of the Laberge Group. He is planning to attend a Library Board meeting in the near future. Syden recommended the Village and Library Boards create a Feasibility Study (Benson shared example studies) to evaluate options. The Board discussed the structure and deliverables of a Feasibility Study.

Benson informed the Board that Mayor Johnson was favorable to the idea of a temporary structure in the parking lot to ensure continuity of services during potential renovation or construction.

Starting in 2023, Library Trustees will need to complete two hours of professional development each year, as mandated by NY State: "Beginning January 1, 2023, each trustee, elected or appointed, of a public library, association library or Indian Library will be required to complete a minimum of two hours of trustee education annually (Education Law 260-d added by Chapter 468 of the Laws of 2021)."

Benson communicated with Roxanne Wilkins about collaboration against censorship and possible joint programming with The Spot next year.

Financial Report (Bolevice):

Bolevice presented the financial report. The numbers are as expected within budget.

Village Liaison Report (Detzel):

None

Library Director's Report (Farley):

Farley discussed:

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- The recent incident of vandalism and theft.
- Good attendance at our programs.
- The popularity of the field trips. By prepackaging veggies and sandwiches for the kids, and community members driving instead of renting a bus, we save money so we can bring more people. Community members who are willing to drive instead of paying for the bus. 25% of the available spots are reserved for community members who don't use the Claverack Park for summer camp.
- We've been invited to apply for the Hoover Foundation grant. We will be asking for an Instrument lending program paired with online musical lessons and soundproofing for the old office to be an instrument practice room.
- The need for volunteers to work the County Fair: August 31st, 10:30-4:30 pm

Advisory Art Committee Report (Drake):

None

Advisory Policy Committee Report (Benson):

Benson updated the Policies and By-Laws with language approved at the June meeting.

A **MOTION** to include Juneteenth in the official list of days that the Library is closed every year was made by Benson, seconded by Bolevice, and unanimously approved.

Benson read the proposed *Freedom from Censorship Policy*. A **MOTION** to accept the *Freedom from Censorship Policy* was made by Bolevice, seconded by Benson, and unanimously approved.

A **MOTION** to add the following to the *Collection Development – Materials Selection Policy* was made by Sagal, seconded by Benson, and unanimously approved:

“It is a goal of the Philmont Public Library (Library) to develop a diverse collection of materials, and it welcomes suggestions of materials to be added to its existing collection.

The responsibility for the use of materials by minors, including use of the Internet, rests with their parents or legal guardians.”

Advisory Planning Committee (Gardner):

None

Old Business

None

New Business

A **MOTION** to go into Executive Session was made by Bolevice, seconded by Sagal, and unanimously approved.

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A **MOTION** to exit Executive Session was made by Sagal, seconded by Bolevice, and unanimously approved.

A **MOTION** to nominate Peter Johnson as a member of the Philmont Public Library Board of Trustees was made by Benson, seconded by Bolevice, and approved.

Benson made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 7:55, seconded by Gardner, and unanimously approved.

The next Philmont Public Library Board meeting will be held August 3, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

ACTION ITEMS

Gardner: Remind Detzel to provide voter contact info