

Philmont Public Library
101 Main Street
Philmont, NY 12565

3 May, 2023

The regular May Meeting of the Philmont Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:03 PM by President Faith Benson. Also present were Vice President Peter Johnson, Secretary Mindy Gardner, Member Michael Wedd, Member Suzi Miranda, Director Tobi Farley, and Village Liaison Jason Detzel. Chief Financial Officer Dave Bolevice was absent.

Visitors in Attendance: Mark Wilson and Janet Schnitzer from the Mid-Hudson Library System (MHLS) Board.

Minutes: A **MOTION** to accept the April 2023 minutes with changes was made by Johnson, seconded by Wedd, and unanimously approved.

Correspondence (Gardner):

A letter was sent to the Village Clerk alerting them to new Trustee Miranda, and a thank you note was written for a personal donation by a visitor from California.

Acting President's Report (Johnson):

Work with Sen. Hinchey to see if we can get a "Disadvantaged Community" designation for grant purposes. Peter will request DSS data using the Freedom of Information Act process.

Financial Report (Bolevice):

Report submitted, Bolevice on vacation. No comments.

Village Liaison Report (Detzel):

The Berkshire Taconic Grant application to secure funding for the feasibility study was submitted this week.

Library Director's Report (Farley):

501©3 status has been established for the county library group. Farley will get clarity from the county treasurer about whether we can leverage this new non-profit status for grants to our library. (Individual private donations are already tax deductible.)

Two new museum passes have been added to the system: the Motorcyclepedia museum in Newburgh (physical pass) and the Cornwall, NY children's nature center (digital pass).

We will need to reschedule the Big Read event.

Policy Advisory Committee Report (Benson):

None.

Arts Advisory Committee Report:

Miranda appointed by Benson as the new Arts Advisory Committee Chairperson.

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Old Business

Gardner provided an update on the Feasibility Study.

Johnson discussed expertise needs for the proposed Philmont Library Advisory Council.

Farley and Wedd will figure out whether to use Tech Soup account and/or use the county non-profit organization for the Slack account. For now, we will use Google Drive to post documents.

The Board discussed whether the meeting quorum number is determined by the top range for the Board of Trustee size in the charter or whether it's the number voted on at the Annual Meeting. Benson will find out.

New Business

The Annual Meeting is next month. Faith Benson will step down as President, a role she has had since 2005. Peter Johnson was nominated for President. Either Wedd or Gardner will take the Financial Officer job. Gardner agreed to stay on as Secretary.

A **MOTION** to adjourn at 7:12 PM was made by Johnson, seconded by Gardner, and unanimously approved.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 7th at 6pm at the Philmont Library.

ACTION ITEMS

Benson: Consult Handbook for agenda template; Find out how quorum number is determined.

Farley: Ask the county accountant about leveraging the non-profit status of the county group.

Farley and Wedd: Sort out Slack account membership.

Johnson: Get DSS data; work on an application form and revised concept document for the Advisory Council.