

Philmont Public Library
101 Main Street
Philmont, NY 12565

4 January, 2023

The regular January Meeting of the Philmont Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:11 PM by President Faith Benson. Also present were Vice President Barbara Sagal, Chief Financial Officer Dave Bolevice, Member Nat Drake, Director Tobi Farley, and Village Liaison Jason Detzel. Secretary Mindy Gardner and Member Peter Johnson were not in attendance.

Visitors in Attendance: None

Public Comment: None

Minutes: A **MOTION** to accept the December 2022 minutes as written was made by Sagal seconded by Bolevice, and unanimously approved.

Correspondence (Gardner):

None

President's Report (Benson):

Attorney Rob Fitzsimmons's recommendations for amending the Library's Use Agreement Form will be tabled for discussion until February.

Benson and Farley attended the December Village Board meeting to inform Village trustees and citizens of possible book banning activity.

The Library Policies Appendices and the Contact List were updated.

Financial Report (Bolevice):

Bolevice reports the Library budget is as expected.

Village Liaison Report (Detzel):

Detzel reported visiting the Florida, NY, public library.

Advisory Art Committee Report (Drake):

Drake proposed a permanent art display wall/area in the Library. The Board discussed the feasibility of a permanent exhibition space.

Drake discussed plans for the next Poet's Opera and Walter Gurbo's exhibit.

Library Director's Report (Farley):

The Niche Academy will conduct annual training for library trustees.

Habitat for Humanity will build two small cape-style houses on Eagle Street instead of a single duplex.

Farley asked that the Board review the Claverack Library's Police Policy in anticipation of discussing whether to permit police to use the Library building for surveillance at the next meeting.

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Advisory Policy Committee Report (Benson):

None

Old Business

Progress on Feasibility Study

New Business

Review of timeliness of communication and submission of reports

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

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 1st at 6pm at the library.

ACTION ITEMS

All: Review the Claverack Library Police Report

Advisory Policy Committee: Draft teleconferencing, law enforcement surveillance, and trustee education policies

Advisory Arts Committee: Establish specifics about planned events

Detzel: Follow up that the Village Board received the LaBerge contract for the Feasibility Report.