Minutes  
Town of Ulster Library Board of Trustees Meeting  
June 26, 2017

Theresa Brettschneider - present  
Anne Davis, Vice President - present  
Bruce Engholm, Treasurer - present  
Richard Metzer - present  
Rotena Nippert - present  
Allison Organtini - present  
Tracy Priest, Library Director - present  
Annie LaBarge - present  
Mary Nielsen - excused  
Cynthia Wadnola, President - present

Public Comment
Tina showed the book, *What is Baby Gorilla Doing?*, written and donated by her daughter, Christiana Nippert-Eng. The book is aimed at three year olds.

Call to Order
Meeting was called to order at 6:07 by Cynthia.

Pledge

Motion to approve the Minutes of May Meeting
Anne moved, Tina 2nded.
The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of June 12, 2017 Special Meeting with Town Supervisor, Jim Quigley
The Board will review the minutes, and take a vote to approve, or amend, the minutes, at our July meeting.

Financial Report
- Motion for approval of Voucher Report (transactions approved for payment at meeting)
  Anne moved, Annie 2nded.
  Roll call vote taken.
  The motion passed unanimously.

Budget
A budget for the library was proposed with a 0% increase for 2018. This is possible due to renegotiating contracts (reducing Waste Management cost by 50%, changing computer service vendors, postage down by 50%), etc. Due to our community’s shrinking tax base, it was considered important to hold the line on the budget.

Motion to approve 2018 budget
Anne moved, Allison 2nded.
Roll call vote taken.
The motion passed unanimously.
A press release will announce the availability of the proposed budget online and at the library.
Hiring a Treasurer

It is recommended, by the comptroller, that we procure either a volunteer or a hired Treasurer. A job announcement is being drafted.

Director’s Report

Tracy highlighted the following:

Summer reading program
  Chambers School Yard Garden Club
  Green Palette Community Center program
  Hudson River Sloop Clearwater program

Ukulele Grant
  Ten ukuleles have been donated, in multiple colors, from musician Elizabeth Mitchell via the Killian Mansfield Foundation, to honor the memory of Killian, a ukulele virtuoso from Woodstock.

Committee Updates

Expansion / Renovation
  Public Meetings
    Thank you to the members of the public, and to library volunteers and trustees, who attended the workshops.

MHLS Grant

Bullet Aid
  State Senator George Amadore has shown support for the library. The awards were posted today. In years past, we got our iPad desks, and our reading chairs, through this grant.

Next Steps
  Thursday, July 6, 7:00-9:00, is the “We Heard You Meeting” with architect Paul Mays.

Election Timeline Update
  Four seats available, for three-year terms, with four petitions out so far

Press Releases
Next Steps
Budget

Fundraising
  Panera Donations
  $28 raised

Next Meeting Date

Civil Service
  Update on Hiring a Children’s Programmer/Library Assistant
  We’re waiting to hear from our Civil Service representative. This may impact our summer reading program.

Budget and Finance Committee
  Treasurer Discussion and Next Steps
  Preparation of 2017 Budget
  The AUD end-of-year Annual Report has been filed, after getting our late treasurer’s, Walter Maxwell’s, log-in.
Old Business
None

New Business

Motion to pass the standard 2% annual raise for Terry W to $12.72 and to raise Kerry C (does the SEAL, out-of-system inter-library loan, adult crafts, etc.) to $12.00.
Annie moved, Allison 2nded.
Roll call vote taken
The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: none

Motion to adjourn
Anne moved, Theresa 2nded.
The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 7:31.

“We Heard You” meeting: Thursday, July 6, 2017, 7:00-9:00
Next board meeting: Monday, July 24, 2017, 6:00 PM