

Saugerties Public Library
Regular Board Meeting
Date: 1/11/24

Present: Trustees Katie Cokinos, Jouette Bassler, Yosefa Karchmar, Charlotte Herscher, Paul Vanbenschoten, Brian Collins, Nina Schmidbaur, Timothy Scott, Irene Hurst, Julie Misiano, Robert Irizarry

Excused: N/A

Staff: Director Jennifer Russell

Public Attendees: Leeanne Thornton, Ray Rebholz

Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM by Board President Tim Scott

Public Comment:

Leeanne Thornton, Town Board liaison says that last night there was a hit and run of a pedestrian on 9W just north of the village, with a fatality. Currently under investigation. The village and town are co-applicants for a grant to install a walking path in that area to be joined with the sidewalk in the village. It has been submitted by the January 9th 2024 deadline. On August 3, 2024, there will be a Woodstock Arts ceremony to commemorate the anniversary of Woodstock '94 that took place in Saugerties. The festival will be held at Cantine. Boys and Girls club bowling fundraiser is coming up in February. On December 3rd, over 100 kids were fed at the holiday supper. They are also in receipt of a \$12K a year, 3 year grant to facilitate outdoor activities.

Friends of Library:

Friends co-President says the next meeting will be January 22nd at 7pm in the library community room. Recently had new members and donations made.

Unfinished Business:

- N/A

New Business:

1. Library Advocacy Day in Albany February 7: The Ramapo-Catskill Library System and the Mid-Hudson Library System, collaborate to arrange for bus transportation for participants who want to go to Advocacy Day. The goal is to meet with legislators and/or their assistants, usually in their respective districts, to make sure that they are aware of the importance of libraries to the area communities. There is also an inspirational gathering prior to break-out meetings.
2. Annual Sexual Harassment Training: All trustees are required to take a sexual harassment training annually. The Director will be sending a link to the training. Please return the certificate of completion to the director.

2a. Trustees are expected to complete two additional hours of library training by the October 2024 meeting. The MHLS system offers many webinars and in person trainings for trustees.

3. Voucher signing schedule: the schedule is included in this month's packet. Please review so you are aware when you are expected to come in prior to the board meeting, in order to sign. If you switch with another Trustee, please notify Jenn.

Secretary's Report:

Motion by Paul Vanbenschoten and *Second* by Yosefa Karchmar to approve the minutes as written.

Motion passes unanimously, with Nina Schmidbaur opting to abstain.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 24,454.13 made by Charlotte Herscher, seconded by Brian Collins Passes unanimously

Director's Report: Please see the report included in the Meeting Packet.

- Fine Free:
- Annual Reviews for Staff: all staff have received their annual reviews.
- Several staff members were ill last month.
- Attended the UCLA meeting
- Art Exhibits: "Books as Art" is the revised title of the "Altered Book Project". Artists will receive old encyclopedias that they are going to use to create art, similar to the Chiltons Manuals last year. Anticipate a March 1st opening event.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Did not meet

see minutes FMI Next meeting: Tuesday January 30th at 6PM

Personnel/Policy: Did not meet

see minutes FMI Next meeting: January 17th at 6PM

Facilities: met on December 5, 2023

Building inspector made his annual inspection with no issue noted. Are working on identifying windows that need replacing, as well as scheduling window cleaning. Repairs to the damaged ceiling have commenced.

see minutes FMI Next meeting: January 2, 2024 at 4PM

Outreach: met on Did not meet

Next meeting: 1/22/24 at 5:30pm at 6PM

Friends Liaison: N/A

Motion to adjourn at 6:42 PM by Tim Scott ;
Seconded by Charlotte Herscher

Passes unanimously.

Submitted by Julie Misiano

Next meeting: Feb 8,2024 at 6PM