

Saugerties Public Library
Regular Board Meeting
Date: August 8, 2024

Present: Trustees Katie Cokinos, Jouette Bassler, Paul Vanbenschoten, Brian Collins, Nina Schmidbaur, Timothy Scott, Julie Misiano

Excused: Yosefa Karchmar, Robert Irizarry, Charlotte Herscher

Staff: Director Jennifer Russell

Public Attendees: LEEANNE THORNTON, Ray Rebholz, Hanna Mueller, Patrick Hammer, and Erin Poll

Meeting called to order at 6:05PM by President Tim Scott

Public Comment: LEEANNE THORNTON, Town Board Liaison says that we now have a new Police Chief, K.J. Swart as an acting-interim chief. They will have a second public hearing on events, and are pursuing installing a Splash Pad as part of a development of a new play area at Cantine Park. Woodstock Celebration was Saturday August 3, 2024. Hope Rocks will be held at Cantine on August 24th and 25th.

Friends of Library: Friends Co-President Ray Rebholz: September 16th at 6PM will be the general meeting after their summer hiatus and they will be providing refreshments during the budget vote.

Public Comment by Erin Poll who is running for the board, has her MLS. Her understanding is that outreach is intended to improve equity of access. She has concerns that we were seeking survey responders that targeted more affluent community members. She recommends having surveys placed at Head Start, Price Chopper, the UCAT bus station, area churches, The Well, AYSO camp, and identifying ways to locate the Spanish speaking members of the community to complete the survey.

Unfinished Business:

- **Trustee Petitions to join the board:** Ten people asked for petitions and 8 have been returned. We are compiling biographies of those 8 as well as asking them to include the reason why they want to be on the board.

New Business:

1. **Public Hearing on the 2025 Budget:** One member of the public asked what was the percentage of increase: There will be a 6% increase for a total of about \$22,000 more than last year. No other public comments. Hearing is closed at 6:14PM by Tim Scott.

2. Library Budget and Trustee vote will be September 5, 2024 from 10am-8pm

Secretary's Report:

Motion by Tim Scott and *Second* by Nina Schmidbauer to approve the minutes as written. Motion passes unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$32,652.49 made by Tim Scott seconded by Paul Vanbenschoten Passes unanimously

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

- The Annual Report to the Community was sent to the post office for delivery on July 24, 24.
- Deadline for those interested in running to be a Trustee has passed. Eight petitions were received.
- Trustee training took place July 18th, with trustees from the Woodstock Library who joined us in our community room for the training on Ethics. Those in attendance completed the requirement of 1 out of the 2 hours of training set forth by the state.
- Myrna Sameth, a former trustee, has opted to volunteer on behalf of the library. She will be focusing on, "Resiliency"; how to collaborate with the Town to identify ways that the library can support the Town during times of emergencies or disasters.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Did not meet

Next meeting: tentatively scheduled for 8/27/24 at 6PM

Personnel/Policy: Did not meet

Next meeting: 9/18/24 at 6PM

Facilities: Did not meet

Next meeting: tentatively scheduled for 8/13/24 at 6 PM

Outreach: met on July 29, 24

- ★ As of today, we have received over 400 surveys from adults.
- ★ Community Conversations: We have gone to four separate locations thus far, and will have a time scheduled at the library and at the Mt. Marion firehouse. We expect to have another "drop in" event at the Exchange.

- ★ The survey will close after the Hope Rocks event
- ★ There have been positive responses to the ad on the screen at the Orpheum Movie Theater.
- ★ In the Fall we will compile the data and present it to the board. After that, it will be presented to the community.
- ★ Hope Rocks will have a 24 hours softball marathon from Noon on Saturday the 24th, culminating at noon on Sunday the 25th. The Library Friends will have a team that is going to play at 10am on Sunday.

see minutes FMI Next meeting: September 23, 2024 at 5:30 PM; There will be no meeting in August , as we will be attending Community Conversations.

Friends Liaison: N/A

Motion to adjourn at 6:51PM by Tim Scott ;
Seconded by Brian Collins

Passes unanimously.

Submitted by Julie Misiano

Next meeting: September 12, 2024 at 6PM