

LaGrange Association Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 9, 2020 @7:00pm

Attendees: Mary De Bellis, Stacy Olyha, Linda Gaines, Anne Lescher, Erin Hawks, Andrea Mondello, Kristen Savath, Mimi Heslin, Stuart Kofsky

Absent: Maung Htoo, Wendy Bohlinger

- Call to Order : 7:01PM
- Public Comment - none
- Correspondence – Erin: Mary received a ‘thank you’ photo from Sue Serino’s ‘Golden Gathering’ event where we had a table, and Erin received a thank you from Library staff for the staff holiday luncheon, which the board members chipped in for
- Consent Agenda – Anne made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Stacy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously
 - Approval of Meeting Minutes for Thursday, December 12, 2019
 - Director’s Report (Mary)
 - Treasurer’s Report (Stacy)
 - Fundraising (Wendy)
- Board Development/Nominating (Wendy)- none
- Bylaws/Policy (Maung)
 - Naming Rights Policy Review & Approval – Kristen made a motion to approve, Linda seconded, the motion passed unanimously
- Long Range Planning (Stuart) – the community survey is in progress; 200 responses received so far
- Friends (Anne) – Valentine’s Day basket being raffled off; a new member joined the Friends; the next book sale will feature Biography and History books.
- Personnel (Erin) - none
- Building (Stacy) – Bid packages went out Monday to 3 contractors who have worked on area libraries with our architect previously. The Building Committee will evaluate the bid results and bring to the February Board Meeting with their recommendation. Several board members expressed concern over the timeline; Erin noted that certain Phase I changes we have made mean less demolition and the architect feels we can still be on or close to the timeline.
- Capital Campaign (Andrea) –
 - Andrea will give Mary a checklist of the donors and others invited to the Donor Reception on February 9 so staff can check off RSVPs.

- Andrea will reach out to Rebecca for recommendations for a grant writer. The board discussed authorizing a maximum amount to start-up grant writing. Linda made a motion to appropriate up to two thousand dollars to contract with a grant writer and authorize the Capital Campaign Committee to interview and select a grant writer. Stu seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- Jenny Sung, former board member, let us know that Arlington HS is interested in volunteering for the February donor event with several student ensembles that may be able to provide musical entertainment. She will continue to work out details.

- Old business – Erin reported that she spoke with Alan Bell regarding the new bus stop proposal, and he was willing to write a letter of support to Dutchess County for it.
- New business
 - 2020 Library Closings were reviewed and accepted
 - 2020 Board Committee Assignments still need to be finalized

Linda made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kristen seconded and was passed by unanimous consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 13, 2020 @ 7pm

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