

LaGrange Association Library
Virtual Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, February 11, 2021 @7:00 pm
Minutes

Attendees

Mary De Bellis, Wendy Bohlinger, Mimi Heslin, Lucy Johnson, Suzanne Davis, Maung Htoo, Marie Hughes, Daniel Jacobs, Keith LaRose, Anne Lescher, Kristen Savath

Absent

Linda Gaines

Call to Order 7:02 PM

Public Comment - no comment

Correspondence – no correspondence – LaGrange Planning Board Meeting, report from Lucy J.

Consent Agenda

Wendy asked that Fundraising be taken off Consent Agenda as it is now combined with Capital Campaign Committee. Motion was made and carried to accept the Consent Agenda.

Board Development/Nominating (Wendy)- Nothing to report

Building (Kristen) –

Finishing Phase 1 of remodeling

Building Committee to walk through the to see problems and progress

Anne Lescher staying on committee.

Kristen meeting with Meghan, the architect, tomorrow: to discuss final cost of phase two

Wish list needed for fundraising, being worked on

Bylaws/Policy (Maung) - nothing to report at this time

Capital Campaign and Fundraising (Wendy) - Committee active. Need an update to case statement for wants and needs. Committee will be brainstorming ideas for fundraising such as 1) Virtual Gala; 2) Anne suggested a paint night for parents, paint day for the kids. For another organization they raised over \$1K; 3) Involve a local author/artist – auction a reading or a book or an art work.

Finance (Mimi)- Productive meeting identified 6 areas of interest, ranked by point system where least points are higher priority

1. Review financial information on a monthly basis to determine fiscal health and identify possible mid-year adjustments as needed (4 points)
2. Ensure clear definition between operating and capital funds (14 points)

3. Review investments to ensure maximization of resources (15 points)
4. Review policies and practices for effectiveness and adequacy - identified policies to be forwarded to Policy Committee (15 points)
5. Analyze whether fundraising results satisfy capital expenditure needs (15 points)
6. Consider ways to make the library self-sustaining to limit dependency on the town (21 points)

Discussion was held regarding last point, Library could not be self-sustaining as in no funding from town, but what could be pursued is a 414, where residents vote on the budget which would never fall below a certain level. Currently that is not in place and a change in political structure in the Town could result in large changes to the Library budget. Current Town Supervisor is very supportive of the Library but a 414 could protect us if he leaves and next person is not.

Long Range Planning (Dan) - No updates, need more members after resignation of A. Mondello. Need to start developing the next Long Range Plan in 2022.

Personnel (Linda) – nothing to report at this time

Friends (Anne)- nothing to report at this time

Old business

Opening Library to the public

The Library is ready to re-open to the public. Covid rates are dropping precipitously. There are 2 available computers for the patrons, the passport office is set, the book sale is ready. Maung moved to open Feb 22nd, seconded by Anne, unanimous vote in favor.

New business- none

Adjourn: Suzanne moved to adjourn, Maung seconded, all in favor.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 11, 2021 @ 7pm

Town Board Meetings - 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month @ 7pm

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