

LaGrange Association Library
Virtual Board of Trustees Meeting - *GoToMeeting*
Thursday, March 11, 2021 @7:00pm

Attendees

Wendy Bohlinger, Mary DeBellis, Mimi Heslin, Maung Htoo, Marie Hughes, Linda Gaines, Dan Jacobs, Lucy Johnson, Keith LaRose, Anne Lescher, Kristen Savath

Absent

Suzanne Davis

Call to Order 7:03 pm

Public Comment - none

Correspondence

The Library received a thank you note for the *Blind Date with a Book* program from one of our patrons and a thank you note from Stuart Kofsky, past board member, for the gift card.

Consent Agenda

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, February 11, 2021

Director's Report (Mary)

Treasurer's Report (Mimi)

Approval: Maung moved, Linda seconded. All in favor.

Board Development/Nominating (Wendy) - Nothing to report at this time.

Building (Kristen) - See submitted report

We are focusing on expanding the Children's room, a subset of Phase 2. Discussion ensued about staying with contractor from Phase 1 or getting additional bids. Kristen is following up with the architect about possibly having a water fountain installed. Phase 1: Exterior signs are ready; sign company and building owners, the Riegers, consulting with each other about installation. Mary will touch base with Rieger tomorrow. Mr. Rieger said that he is working on the heat pump problem. Wendy will call our old landlord about the signs still up at the old location.

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

Capital Campaign/Fundraising (Wendy) - See submitted report.

We have to put out fundraising call for phase 2A. A few ideas in the works. Direct mailings in LaGrange. Naming grants? If you have ideas let us know what they are. Attachment: Capital Campaign fund report. Available revenue has been spent. Money taken out of the operating fund has to be put back. We have a slight deficit, but we may have some outstanding

contributions that have not yet been posted. Capital Campaign funds are continued from year to year, Operating Fund is reset annually. The fundraising thermometer will have to be redone since phase 2 will be done in stages. We need to be sure that community realizes we are not finished.

Finance (Mimi) - Warrant Report review: It is important for all trustees to be aware of where the Library money goes. A 414 budget vote petition requires only 25 signatures this year, but this is not a good time for us due to focus on phase 2 of Capital Campaign. Participate in the MHLS 414 webinar next week if you can.

Questions on particular expenses: Poughkeepsie Journal? \$400+ . People read it every day, a lot of elderly people who want to read it in print. MHLS – fee is our portion of shared services among all of the Mid-Hudson Library System. WC Cox: Print periodicals. Why do we have print? People like to take them out and they aren't all on line. This amount has been going down year by year. A lot of publications have just gone defunct or only on line.

Long Range Planning (Dan) - See submitted report.

Personnel - Nothing to report at this time.

Friends (Anne) - See submitted report.

Old Business - None

New Business

Review and Approval of *2020 NYS Annual Report* - Move to accept: Lucy; second: Mimi. All voted in favor.

Accountant - We have had the same accountant for at least 20 years. He is a procrastinator, not a good communicator and, for the past 3 years, increasingly difficult to work with, more so now that we are not in the same building. After discussion it was moved by Lucy, seconded by Keith, with unanimous agreement, to replace him.

Move to Adjourn: Mimi so moved. Seconded by Kristen at 7:57 pm

Next meeting: Thursday, April 8, 2021 @ 7pm

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

March 10 & 24

April 14 & 28

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