

LaGrange Association Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday May 11, 2023 @7 PM

MINUTES

Attendees: Mary De Bellis, Suzanne Davis, Dan Jacobs, Ann Commisso, Dr. Lucy Johnson, Devon Bryan, Melanie Wargo

Absent: Anne Lescher, Keith LaRose

Guests: Ginnie Genovese

Call to Order: 7:00 PM by President Suzanne Davis

Public Comment: The Board welcomed Ms. Genovese to the meeting. She is considering applying for the position of Trustee on the Library Board. She spoke about her background in different library systems from building design to software.

Correspondence: none

Consent Agenda

- I. **Action Item:** Be it resolved that the Board approve and acknowledge the following items as the Consent Agenda:
 - Meeting Minutes for April 13, 2023
 - Director's Report
 - April Financial Reports with the following adjustments to the operating budget:
 - Acceptance of insurance reimbursements for flood damages totaling \$28,584.39 and an increase to the 2023 budget by the same amount
 - Addition of cash theft loss expense for \$441.70
 - Decrease fines revenue by \$2,000
 - Increase passport acceptance fees revenue by \$2,000
 - Decrease collection agency fees expense by \$225.25
 - Increase fundraising expenses- application software expense by \$225.25

Motion to approve: Lucy Johnson

Second: Melanie Wargo

Passed unanimously

Capital Campaign/Fundraising (Melanie)

Hiring a professional photographer to take family pictures in the library may be a way of generating funds. We would charge a sitting fee. This idea is to be explored further.

Looking forward to Community Day June 10, 2023.

Board Development/Nominating (Anne absent): Suzanne Davis introduced Ms. Genovese as a prospective Trustee.

Building (Keith absent): Mary reports that the Riegers are making progress on the changes that were discussed at the Building Committee meeting on April 27, 2023. Window stops have been put in place. Some windows have screens. There are more screens in the stairwell that are waiting to be cleaned and possibly reused.

We are waiting for feedback on the building entrance security door.

Harlin will install our library cameras and we'll be able to monitor them on the desktop.

Bylaws/Policy (Lucy): Safety Policy is in the Policy Committee folder (awaiting comments) for approval at the June Board meeting.

Finance (Dan): Didn't meet.

Friends (Anne, absent): No report.

Long Range Planning (Keith, absent): No report.

Personnel (Devon): Nothing to report. The team will meet with Suzanne Davis in June.

Old Business: None

New Business: Mary De Bellis spoke about the April 26 2023, Dutchess Trustee Reception and how well it was received. The guest speaker was Rebekkah Smith Aldrich. She spoke of censorship challenges that are faced in libraries, especially in school libraries. We have a Challenged Materials Policy in place. Mary has reviewed this policy with her staff so all are prepared on how to handle a book challenge at our library.

Suzanne reminded the trustees that no discussion will take place at a Board meeting with a member of the public wishing to have an item removed from the collection without going through the proper procedure.

Adjournment: 7:33PM

Motion to approve: Devon Bryan

Second: Lucy Johnson

Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Commisso, Secretary