

Saugerties Public Library
Regular Board Meeting
Date: 10/10/2024

Present: Trustees Yosefa Karchmar, Charlotte Herscher, Paul Vanbenschoten, Nina Schmidbaur, Timothy Scott, Julie Misiano, Ken Goldberg, Erin Poll, Rebecca Lang, Teresa Giordano

Excused: Robert Irizarry

Staff: Director Jennifer Russell

Public Attendees: Ray Rebholz, Jouette Bassler, Leeanne Thornton

Meeting called to order at 6:06 PM by Timothy Scott

Public Comment: Leeanne Thornton, Town Board liaison congratulated the new board members. She considers the library the “heart” of the village.

- ❖ The Boys and Girls Club has a full house of after-school students in several of the district’s elementary schools. The older Club members will be participating in an “Adulthood” program at the library.
- ❖ December 8th is Holiday in the Village and a Craft Fair as a fundraiser for the Boys and Girls club.
- ❖ The interim police chief is now officially the Chief. The Town Board will be researching the issue with speed throughout the Village.
- ❖ The last Saturday in October from 12-3 will be the “touch a truck” event with a rain date of Sunday. This is held at Cantine, with the children able to trick or treat from truck to truck. This is a fundraiser for the Splash Pad project in collaboration with the Lion’s Club.
- ❖ The Saugerties Animal Shelter has raised sufficient funds for the planned new building, and are breaking ground.
- ❖ The Town Board is beginning to work on the preliminary budget for next year.

Jouette Bassler, departing Trustee, said that it had been both a privilege and fun to serve.

Friends of Library: Co-President Ray Rebholz welcomed the Trustees to this new term. Met on September 16th. Next meeting is October 21st at the library. The annual Wine and Cheese event at Total Tennis will have a Murder Mystery theme and will be on November 20th. Calendar for meetings and events available on the Saugerties Public Library website.

Unfinished Business:

- Said, “goodbye” to departing trustees.

New Business:

1. Welcomed the new trustees: both the new and returning trustees introduced themselves during roll call.

2. Trustees signed the forms required: the oath of office, ethics statement and conflict of interest. The absent trustee will sign as soon as possible.
3. Nominating Committee:
 - a. Committees and Members:
 - i. Finance: Chair Charlotte Herscher, Ken Goldberg, Julie Misiano
 - ii. Personnel/Policy: Chair Tim Scott, Robert Irizarry, Rebecca Lang
 - iii. Facilities: Chair Paul VanBenschoten, Yosefa Karchmar
 - iv. Outreach: Chair Nina Schmidbaur, Erin Poll, Teresa Giordano
 - b. Executive Board: There is a slate for President, Vice-President, and Treasurer, but there have been some challenges with nominating a Secretary.
*Let this serve as notice to the trustees that the following suggested change to the bylaws will be voted on at the next board meeting:
"In the event that no eligible board members want to run for an executive position, a member who has met their term limit may continue for one additional year, if approved by 2/3rds vote of the total board"
 - c. Moved forward with the slate for three out of four of the Executive Board members. Ken Goldberg made a motion, seconded by Teresa Giordano to approve the Nominating Committee's recommended slate. Passes unanimously.
President: Tim Scott
Vice President: Nina Schmidbaur
Treasurer: Charlotte Herscher
4. Motion to approve that Julie Misiano will serve as secretary *pro tem* made by Nina Schmidbaur, seconded by Tim Scott. Passes unanimously.

Secretary's Report:

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

Treasurer's Report:

The abstract in the packet included one check that was off by about \$50, and it has been corrected. The corrected amount is below:

Motion to pay the bills in the corrected amount of \$ 21,360.28 made by Charlotte Herscher seconded by Julie Misiano Passes unanimously.

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

- Two people have interviewed for the Children's Librarian position, and there are a few more interested applicants.
- The Director set up a price cap on Hoopla because as a "pay as you go" service, it is difficult to track costs.

Committee Reports:

Finance: met on September 24, 2024

The retirement estimate from the state has gone up by \$4,295 for 2025, and the state notified us after the budget was finalized and approved by vote by the community.

Motion to amend the budget to reflect this change made by Charlotte Herscher, seconded by Julie Misiano. Approved unanimously.

see minutes FMI Next meeting: pending per discussion with new members

Personnel/Policy: met on September 18th

Please see minutes

Next meeting: pending per discussion with new members

Facilities: met on September 3, 2024

Continued to collaborate with the Village and Town regarding the Resiliency plan and how the library can be an asset during times of community disaster.

The server room has been updated

Planning changes to the sidewalk with the goal of improving safety for pedestrians and patrons.

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Outreach: met on 9/23/24

1. Compiling 5-year plan data
2. DEI Grant from the MHLS with the goal for how we can facilitate the ability to have civil discourse about difficult topics.
3. Resiliency plan

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Friends Liaison:

N/A

Motion to adjourn at 7:15 PM by Tim Scott ;
Seconded by Charlotte Herscher

Passes unanimously.

Submitted by Julie Misiano

Next meeting: November 14, 2024 at 6PM

