

Saugerties Public Library
Regular Board Meeting
Date: 6/13/2024

Present: Trustees Katie Cokinos, Jouette Bassler, Yosefa Karchmar, Charlotte Herscher, Paul Vanbenschoten, Brian Collins, Nina Schmidbaur, Timothy Scott, Julie Misiano, Robert Irizarry

Excused: Katie Cookinos left at 6:45 PM

Staff: Director Jennifer Russell

Public Attendees: Ray Rebholz, Mike Ivino, and Susan Kromprier

Meeting called to order at 6 PM by President Tim Scott

Public Comment:

Mike Ivino, owner of J&J Tree Services, joined us to discuss options for tree trimming and other arborist's work that may be necessary in the back garden and perimeter of the library.. Mr. Ivino suggests that in the long run, it may be more cost effective to remove a specific overgrown tree, in order to replace it with a tree that will remain lower to the ground, and could be trimmed by non-specialists. He, the trustees, Director and other public attendees, toured the garden with him to view his suggestions.

Susan Krampier, who has been in the Wednesday Book Club with long-term Trustee Irene Hurst, joined us to discuss being involved with the plan to honor Irene Hurst, who recently resigned due to illness. We brainstormed various options.

Friends of Library:

Co-President Rebholz said that the Library Street Fair was a success. Despite it being held as a community fair, and not as a fundraiser, the Friends were able to break even and have a small profit due to the generosity of attendees. A long-time member of the Friends, who managed the scholarship program for many years, recently passed away. This coming Monday, 6/17/24 at 6PM, is the last meeting of the year. It will be a potluck, accompanied by the unveiling of a plaque to honor the founding board of the Friends. The plaque will be placed in the Community Room.

Unfinished Business:

- **Trustee Training:** In the board packet was a list of possible dates for a training. We would include the trustees of two other local libraries, and watch one of the pre-recorded training sessions together. Plan is July 18th at 6pm at the Saugerties Library.

New Business:

1. Honoring Irene Hurst: See Public Comments re: planning to plant a tree or bush in the garden, accompanied by a plaque.
2. Library Resilience: Will begin to consider a possible plan for the library to be a location that could be designated for use in case of an area emergency. Several trustees volunteered to discuss further, in collaboration with Myrna Sameth, a former board member.
3. Trustee Application packets will be available July 1st, for any community member interested in becoming a Trustee. There will be public notice to the community, in order to solicit applicants. We also talked about possibly extending the current restriction on term limits for board members.
4. Budget Plan for 2025: see Finance Committee meeting for more information.

Secretary's Report:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 33,020.00 made by Charlotte Herscher, seconded by Julie Misiano. Passes unanimously

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

- Irene Rivera Hurst spoke with the Director in order to tender her resignation from the board due to illness.
- Inventory Purge: we were able to sell some unused equipment at the street fair. Made about \$~~15000~~ and was able to sell a lot of items. According to the rules, these items may now be donated or discarded.

Committee Reports:

Finance: met on May 28, 24

Budget Planning for 2025: During the Finance meeting, members finalized the tentative budget for 2025, which the Trustees reviewed during the meeting tonight. Finance committee members answered Trustees' questions.

see minutes FMI Next meeting: June 25, 24 at 6PM

Personnel/Policy: Did not meet

Next meeting: Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 6PM (changed due to Juneteenth being a holiday)

Facilities: met on May 7, 24

1. Still attempting to obtain estimates to repair the concrete walkways. We need a certain number of estimates to proceed since the cost will be more than \$10K. We have an estimate already, and after due diligence, will be able to proceed without additional estimates if need be.

see minutes FMI Next meeting: June 4, 24 at 4PM

Outreach: met on May 29, 24

1. We continue to distribute fliers and request completion of the survey in preparation for development of our five-year plan.
2. We are also planning locations where we can go to talk to community members.
3. Recently, survey completion was solicited at the Library Street Fair and the Farmer's Market.

see minutes FMI Next meeting: June 24, 24 at 6PM

Friends Liaison:

N/A

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM by Tim Scott ;
Seconded by Nina Schmidbaur

Passes unanimously.

Submitted by Julie Misiano

Next meeting: Thursday July 11, 2024 at 6PM