

Fred & Harriett Taylor Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Present: President Roger Tompkins, Director Sally Murphy, Sam Pennise, Carrie Crane, Marsha Watson, Mary Jo Hanna, Mike Page, Nancy Wightman. Via Zoom; Linda Carl, Erin Kellogg.

Absent: Ruth Barry

Meeting Called to Order: President Tompkins opened the meeting at 6:01 P.M.

Minutes Approval: Trustee Pennise made, and Trustee Carl seconded, a motion to accept the June minutes. All approved.

Director Murphy's Report:

Director Murphy reported that the first week of Summer Reading went well with 68 kids and 40 parents attending. The Little Bookworms are doing great outside.

Director Murphy informed the board that she is waiting for quotes from Fellows for blacktop and Clean and Green for washing the exterior of the building. The Fairy garden has been planted and has been received well by the kids.

Director Murphy shared that we received \$1,500 for kits through the Foundation for Southern Tier Libraries and \$500 from Turtle Beach for Summer Reading.

Director Murphy reminded the board of upcoming author visits and provided some background information of their publications.

Treasurer Report:

Trustee Page reported that YTD we are favorable in both revenue (\$131,364.26) and expenses (\$112,653,92). The cash balances are healthy.

Technology Report:

Trustee Pennise reported that everything is running as it should with no new developments.

Fundraising Report:

The fundraising letter has been mailed to 340 people. The library now has a Venmo account and we have received our first donation through the platform. The committee is excited to see if this helps increase the number of donations. Director Murphy will track the Venmo donations and transfer over the money from Venmo to the library at the end of every third week.

Trustee Watson reported that the Longest Table event planning is underway. John Bolger Trio will be playing during the event with Timber Stone Grill catering the event. There will be a wine pull, 50/50, and a silent auction. The committee is requesting 3 bottles of wine, valued at least \$10 or higher, per board member to contribute towards the wine pull.

Trustee Watson suggested that we purchase a \$50 gift card for Ginny Watson to show our appreciation for wrapping the themed baskets for the library.

Trustee Watson motions to purchase a \$50 gift card to Applebees for Ginny Watson, Trustee Wightman seconded, all approved.

Used Book Room Report:

Trustee Watson reported that the Ebay sales for June were \$261.50 and the Saturday book sales were \$559.50. The monthly total for June is \$821.00. The year to date sales for 2021 are \$5,668.56. Trustee Watson asked for volunteers to sign up and help with the August Book Sale from August 16-22.

Buildings & Grounds Report:

Trustee Pennise reported that there are few things with the landscaping that should be finished soon, but most of what was discussed has been completed. Trustee Watson suggested hiring someone to help with weeding as we have had a lot of rain recently, and will talk with a person of interest.

Memorials Report:

Trustee Carl reported that memorials for June were \$0 and YTD is \$12,575.40.

Old Business:

- *Memorial Tribute to Katherine Meade:* Trustee Hanna met with Bud Meade and Dexter to discuss placement of the statue. The goal for completion is Mothers Day and Trustee Hanna and the committee will continue to work with the Meade family and Dexter.

Next Meeting Date: August 10, at 6 PM

Adjournment: Trustee Crane moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Wightman. All approved and the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 6:42 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Carrie Crane*