

North Greenbush Public Library Trustee Meeting Minutes

Trustees Present:

Ken Bogdan
Carole Constantine
Peggy Derevlany
Jim Greenfield
Jean Holmes

Ali Mariano
Melissa Miller
Katie Myer
Midge Rogers

Trustees Absent:

Joan Behan

Also in Attendance:

Mary Klimack, Library Director
Mary Frances Sabo, Trustee Candidate

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. on April 28, 2022 by Ken Bogdan.

Approval of Minutes: Upon motion by Jim Greenfield, seconded by Jean Holmes, the minutes of the March meeting were approved unanimously

Old Business

Reopening Update

Mary Klimack reported that we are continuing with the current policy. Patrons are recommended to mask, most staff wear masks regularly.

We are now having the library professionally cleaned on a bi-weekly basis.

Children's Room Updates

Mary Klimack distributed a Services Authorization from Butler Rowland Mays for implementation of the children's room renovations. The final cost of the project will range from \$145,978.72 to \$183,478.72.

Peggy Derevlany reported that she was unable to complete the final report of the site committee, but that preliminary findings show that any location within the town would be acceptable, based on a less than 4 mile radius from either the northeast corner of North Greenbush (where the library is currently located) or from a central location on Route 4. A final report will be prepared for the May meeting.

The site committee determined that contacting a realtor would be the appropriate next step, to determine the availability and cost of suitable property for a new library. The realtor's report will be submitted to the board with the final report.

During the ensuing discussion, different points of view regarding the children's room project were debated. Jim Greenfield reiterated the original goal of improving the children's room as a reassurance to the public that further development of the library would benefit the town. Other trustees expressed concerns about spending so much money given the overall condition of the municipal building, and some trustees favored a partial renovation, reducing the expense.

The matter will be considered further during the May meeting.

Materials Review Policy

Tim Burke from UHLS confirmed that the statement regarding acquisition of materials is appropriate and important in the materials review policy. Further discussion is tabled until the May meeting when it will be reviewed in conjunction with the implementation plan.

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Friends of the Library Update

Jean Holmes reported that the Puzzle Sale is scheduled for September 24, and requested donations of puzzles.

New Business

Prospective Trustee Interview

North Greenbush resident Mary Frances Sabo attended the meeting and was interviewed by the board to fill the seat vacated by Ellen Kostroff's resignation. Ms. Sabo, an attorney and former Town Board member, expressed her life-long dedication to libraries and indicated her desire to use her talents to benefit the library.

Director's Report

Mary Klimack presented the director's report. The written report is incorporated into these minutes by reference. A copy will be filed with the minutes.

Financial Report

Financial reports were distributed to all trustees in advance of the meeting. Jim Greenfield reported that our year-to-date expenditures, approximately \$100,000, are within budget and expectations.

Upon motion by Peggy Derevlany, seconded by Melissa Miller, the financial reports were approved unanimously.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m. upon motion by Peggy Derevlany, seconded by Katie Myer and approved unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Peggy Derevlany, Secretary