

Bemus Point Library
Board of Trustees Minutes
May 14, 2024

Corrected

CTO 5:30 pm, Adjourned 7:20

1. Correspondence in Public
Nothing to report
2. Secretary's Report: Minutes reviewed, motion to approve by Yvonne, 2nd by Amy, all approved.
3. Treasurer's Report: Copies on file. Profit and Loss, Treasures report, P&L, Transaction Report and Balance sheet all reviewed. A question was raised about the materials plan payments reported under income, Katie explained that those are funds we receive from the library system. Extension was granted on filing the 990, Katie will complete. Motion to approve report by Yvonne, 2nd, by Deb, all approved.
4. Librarian's Report: Copy on file.
The May 3rd fundraiser at EBC was a success, thanks to Sharon Chertoff and Mary Ellen Fritz for their tireless leadership. The weeding of the collection continues, working on non-fiction now. Story hour continues to grow, averaging 18 children. Book sale is set for Memorial Day weekend, sign-up sheet was circulated, there will not be a bake sale. A suggestion was made that the donation jar should be made more noticeable.
5. Old Business
FOL: Participation is dwindling, the co-presidents are stepping down, citing the participation, poor planning and being overwhelmed. The future of the group is uncertain.
The NYS construction grant through the library system awaits state approval. This grant is for the checkout area, includes replacing the reading chairs. Tentatively expect a decision by August, and we will have 2 years to complete the project.
Decisions are expected soon from Sheldon and the CRC Foundation on grants for the exterior work which includes demolition of the chimney and repairs to the stucco. Katie reported the chimney work can be done for 7K. This is vital work due to the instability of the chimney and the possibility of significant damage in a windstorm, recommendation to proceed with the chimney with or without grant funds was approved by all.
Policy review, recommendations were received from Jan Dekoff. Suggestion made to have a policy committee, Mary, Katie and Yvonne volunteered, and was approved.
Program ideas: A recommendation was made for a programming committee to develop both adult and youth programs with both short and long range planning. The current budget includes 1K each for adult and youth programs, and grants are available for arts. Deb, Yvonne, Amy and Sharon volunteered, and it was suggested to ask Jo Haumesser to join. Ideas raised were painting class, rock painting, making "swiftie" bracelets. Suggestion made to develop additional book clubs topic specific, such as, a mystery book club.
Sharon reported that the EBC fundraiser and basket raffle was extremely successful, exceeding all past fundraising events. The final amt has not yet been calculated. Mary Ellen Fritz worked tirelessly, and the event would not have happened without her. Jo Haumesser and Dave Chertoff were very helpful. The Board is extremely grateful to all, including Board Member Sharon Chertoff

who gave endless hours and dedication to this event. As the sponsoring organization, FOL will designate how the funds are utilized. A final decision has not been made on a July fundraising event, due to lack of participation by FOL and concerns that were raised about the use of the community room and library space. Sharon expressed gratitude to Shannon for her help and flexibility.

Amy suggested that we develop a Google calendar of all library events by month, available online and hard copy. Events can also be added to the village calendar, by contacting the village clerk.

6. New Business

Discussion of funding that Senator Borrello and Assemblymen Goodell and Giglio have access to that libraries can apply for. It is now being called Grant in Aid instead of Bullet Aid. The Senate has \$14.5M to distribute across the state and the Assembly has \$10M. It was decided we would request funds for outdoor seating and an awning. Amy will get quotes and a request will be sent to Assemblyman Goodell and Senator Borello.

Deb discussed Women's Fiction Month, board members are requested to identify a favorite book by a woman author, we will publicize it on the sign and on social media.

Yvonne has volunteered to do a program on origami, participants will learn how to make a small box. Funds are available to purchase supplies, this will be a free program.

Lukas will be returning as student help for the summer.

A recommendation was made to post the best seller list, Shannon will follow up.

7. Executive Session: Nothing to discuss

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Bosek