

BLODGETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING – July 13, 2022
In person

Trustees Present

- James Miccio
- Janice Ballard
- Anthony Ruggiero
- Vincent Sullivan
- Beth Allee
- Sarah Smith
- Carole LaColla

Staff Present

- Julie Spann, Director
- Joanna Aquafredda, Office Manager

Other Guests

- Lois Miccio

I) President James Miccio called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

II) Approval of June 2022 Minutes

- The Minutes were reviewed.
- A motion to approve the June minutes was made by Carol, seconded by Janice and unanimously approved.

III) President's Report

- ◆ A motion to appoint Lois Miccio as a member to Blodgett Memorial Library's Board of Trustees was made by Carole, seconded by Sarah and unanimously approved.
 - (I) We advise all board members to create a separate email from personal or work. This email is to be used only for Blodgett items. If we were to ever get foiled it protects the board member.
- ◆ Cohort
 - (I) We have completed all of our in person meetings. We have met with about 30 people. We also included a questionnaire on our Facebook and we sent it out on Constant Contact.
 - (II) Three main themes seem to be popping up.
 - (a) Safety
 - (b) Meeting Events
 - (c) Arts
 - (III) We have a cohort meeting with Mid-Hudson tomorrow morning.

IV) Financial Report

- The July warrant was presented in the amount of \$12,405.17.
 - ◆ Nicole Rowley and Nicholas Roth were two out of the ordinary charges for the month. Nicole is our contracted story time person and Nick is doing our Youtube videos.
 - ◆ EZ Flow is still sanitizing.
 - ◆ A motion to approve all financial reports was made by Vincent, seconded by Beth and unanimously approved.

V) Director's Report

- Old Business
 - ◆ Budget Modifications-\$123,063.18 stayed in operating from 2021 and will be moved to capital.

- (I) When we meet with the accountants ask If there is a more efficient way to complete the budget modifications at the end of the year.
- (II) A motion to approve the budget modifications for 2021 was made by Carole, seconded by Janice and unanimously approved.
- ◆ Library Location- Julie saw a property for 2.8 million. We are no longer going to look at moving the library.
- New Business
 - ◆ Tax Cap-
 - (I) The tax cap for 2023 is set for 2%
 - (a) We chose option 1 of the Tax Cap Override Resolution
 - (b) Read by Janice:
 - (i) Whereas, the adoption of the 2023 budget for the Blodgett Memorial Library may require, a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011 and

Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permit's the library board to override the tax levy limit by resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it-resolved, that the board of trustees of the Blodgett Memorial Library voted and approved to exceed the ta levy limit for 2023 by at least sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on July 13, 2022.
 - (c) A motion to approve Option 1 for the Tax Cap Resolution was made by Janice, seconded by Carole and unanimously approved.
 - ◆ Trustee Education
 - (I) As of 1/1/2023 Trustees require a minimum of 2 hours of Education annually. This training will be given by Mid-Hudson, Julie will pass along the training when it is made available. Joanna will also look into the new trustee education.
 - ◆ Book Sale Room-
 - (I) It was brought to our attention that the book sale room has no emergency exit, there may be safety issues. Julie is proposing we close that room off to the public and use it as storage for Blodgett items and friend's items.
 - (II) The computer servers in the meeting room need to be better secured in order to make that room more accessible to the public.
 - (III) Any books in the book sale room now will be placed in the free bins
 - (IV) A motion to close the book sale room off to the public and turn it into storage was made by Carole, seconded by Janice and unanimously approved.

VI) Other:

- Summer Kick off- it was very successful we had 150 kids, 50 adults, 25 teens. Doug Mchoul showed up as well.
- Our next event is 7/24 with Erik the Reptile guy.
- Julie will be taking our bookclub to see Romeo and Juliet at HV Shakespeare
- 9/14 will be friends meet and greet

- Concrete ramp is crumbling and needs to be fixed. Julie will reach out to the concrete guy who did our steps.

VII) Committee Reports

VIII) Finance/Personnel/Election: Janice, Anthony & Carole - nothing to report

IX) Buildings & Grounds/Long range: Janice, Anthony, & Sarah - nothing to report

X) Liaison to Friends & Community (PR): Vincent, Beth, Joan – nothing to report

XI) No public input.

XII) Adjournment -

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm was made by Beth, seconded by Anthony and unanimously approved.