

From: Alice David
Date: February 18, 2022

Members in attendance: Kathleen Hartman, Leonard Halpern, Steve Murray, Denise DiVincenzo*, David Fenton*, , Molly Andrasik*, and Alice David*.

Members absent: Holly Scott, Kathryn Boswell

Also attending: Amanda Jones, Director

The meeting was called to order by Kathleen at 6:31 p.m. on February 17, 2022. No guests were in attendance.

A motion made by Steve Murray to accept the consent agenda, was seconded by Leonard Halpern and passed unanimously.

After inquiry, it was determined that no conflicts of interest existed for any new or old business.

A motion was made by Leonard Halpern to pay the outstanding bills, as audited by Alice. The motion was seconded by Steve Murray and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

The IRS issue regarding the library's 990 continues to be unresolved due to a backlog at the IRS.

New Business:

1. The Finance Committee having met on February 9, 2022 at 7 pm, the proposed 2023 budget was brought up for a vote. David explained that the salary budgets had been increased by 5% so as to allow for potential increases between 3%-5%. No increase in tax levy was included due to the past two difficult years. A motion to adopt was made by Alice, seconded by Leonard, and passed unanimously.
2. The Annual Report was submitted to the DLD by Amanda and information from same will be shared with the community via outreach. The Board passed assurances of the Annual Report with a motion made by Molly, seconded by Alice, and passed unanimously.

*Attended via Zoom.

3. Now that the mask mandate for businesses has been lifted by NYS, the issue of continuing to wear masks in the library was surfaced. Amanda reported that since the mandate was lifted, some patrons had asked if masks were still necessary but had brought one with them and were willing to wear it. Amanda had explained to them that the requirement would still be in effect until the Board next met. Amanda also reported that other local libraries had responded in different ways – some continuing to require them, some strongly recommending them, and some recommending them. A motion was made by Alice to strongly recommend them since they were still required in schools and that is the current policy of the Norfolk Library, which is our closest library neighbor and in our school district. The motion was seconded by Steve and

approved unanimously. Amanda will post signs saying masks are strongly recommended and continue to make masks available for patrons.

4. Amanda reported on her Senior Planet training sessions to date and NCLS updates.
 - a. Amanda has been requested to give a statement regarding construction grants at the NCLS meeting on March 2, 2022.
 - b. NCLS reports an uptick in library challenges (e.g. 1619 Project, LGBTQ content, Maus). Amanda and Denise both indicated that the NPL has not received any such in their memory, but Amanda can provide a challenge form to anybody who requests one.
 - c. Amanda will begin offering Digital Literacy classes for seniors once she completes her Senior Planet training. These classes will include such topics as online banking, making photobooks, health and fitness, fact-checking, emailing, and using search engines. NCLS has Chromebooks and iPads available for use in these classes. Classes may be held at the library, but may also be held at community venues such as Baldwin Acres, provided there is sufficient space and internet speed and she will explore those options.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm. A motion to adjourn was made by Leonard, seconded by Denise, and passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be 17 March 2022, at 6:30 pm, in the NPL Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice David