

April 18, 2022

Our Mission: to be the community hub connecting our patrons to the world.

Jordan Bramley Library Board of Trustees

Minutes for the Regular Monthly Meeting

Monday April 18, 2022

Start time: 6:05 pm

Attendance: L. Byrnes, T. Sullivan, D. Barber, M. Smart, S. Ziemba, A. Ryan

Absent: S. MacDowall

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Director's Reports & Secretary's Minutes for March, 2022:

Tim opened the meeting with Linda giving the director's report. (There was no Treasurer's Report due to tax season and Julie's added responsibilities.) Linda stated attendance was great and the community room rentals for various groups is off and running with almost every weekend booked for at least one event. The library received an unrestricted donation from Margie Abell for \$300 and the library received the remaining 2021 balance of \$431 from the LLSTA/OCPL. Assemblyman Lemondes stopped by the library April 15 and hand delivered the \$3,000 check he obtained for the library through recent state legislation. Mindy had written a thank you letter to him and Linda will be mailing it to his home office. We still plan on inviting him to our June meeting to thank him in person for the extra funding. Doris Pickering donated 7 cases of disinfectant wipes from Tops.

Our Easter Bunny and Baskets event was a success and the library made a profit of \$105.55 and gained 5 new patrons. The spring break Take Home Kits were popular and focused on growing a plant from seed. 45 children signed up and 40 kits were picked up. The in-house "Making Recycled Paper" program only tallied 2 children.

Maintenance was time consuming this month. We were getting reports that the community room projector is not working. Tim stated he would look into getting it fixed. The new boiler burped and left a pool of water. Linda called C. DeSellums and he quickly diagnosed and corrected the problem. Linda discovered this while assisting the Historical Society with their display lights which ultimately required an electrician to resolve the problem and led to Linda realizing her office is hot wired to the museum's section of the building. AJP Treeworks removed the locust trees out front as the prep work continues for the new landscaping project to address drainage and roof issues. Linda notes some people were none too happy to lose the trees. Mindy stated those individuals are welcome to join the board and/or pay for the roofing issues and medical bills should a patron slip on the ice buildup on the sidewalk. Linda also spent time looking to make key duplicates for the Historical Society. This endeavor took her on sightseeing tours of various neighboring towns until she landed with success in Baldwinsville ... after two trips. Steve stated she should be reimbursed for the mileage. Linda also spoke to J. Nevin re: the kitchen upgrade project.

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Linda continued her presentation and let the board know we are involved with a quasi American Antique Roadshow painting. It was donated to a rummage sale and appraised for \$6,000. The Friends contracted with Wright & Wright Antiques in Skaneateles and were asking for \$4,000. The painting is still there and the library will take over the relationship with Steve Wright as he looks for a buyer.

Linda ended her report with the huge increase GoDaddy is charging to be the library's website host. Some discussion ensued. Steve stated GoDaddy is usually competitive with other companies. Tim asked what we wanted to do. Darcy stated let Linda call first to find out what the charges are for. Tim asked what Elbridge uses. Linda stated she would call GoDaddy and talk to Casey who mans our technology (FaceBook).

Members read through the minutes from March with no edits or questions. Tim stated we should pursue getting several pool passes for patrons to check out. Darcy said maybe we can get a discount. Tim polled the board re: participation in the Memorial Day Parade, but most will be out of town that day.

A motion was made to accept all reports and minutes. Motion: D. Barber
2nd: A. Ryan
Vote: 5-0 in favor

Tim reverted back to the kitchen upgrade. Linda stated she's waiting for suggestions from J. Nevin. Tim suggested we keep the donors informed every quarter as to progress. Linda stated she would send updates to the donor.

Agenda No. 1 MML Funds

Linda had paperwork for Ashley and Steve to complete and Mindy had to sign updated information for the account.

Agenda No. 2 Patron Ban

After much discussion, it was decided to review the ban on a yearly basis with our stance being individuals must be held accountable for their actions. Linda will draft a letter with the ban in effect May1 through April 30 the following year.

Linda took this opportunity to share our By-Laws and copies of a neighboring library's by-laws. Tim gave us the homework assignment of reading through the handouts and come to next month's meeting with questions, comments, ideas.

Agenda No. 3 Project Updates

Landscaping - Tim talked with Dave Reilley and Ken Barrigar will be pouring the concrete for the sidewalks. Dave R. stated Abe needs to regrind the tree stumps because they are above grade for the project. Also, the pouring of the concrete must be done in two stages so that there is a point of egress for the community room. Despite this, the price will stay the same. Linda stated

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people wanted to keep the plants Dave R. removed and the two got a jolly chuckle from it. Darcy stated this shows how special the library is to some people as she peered down through her rose colored-glasses. If it's one thing Darcy provides ... positivity and energy that we all appreciate!

Ceiling - Tim stated Stew got the estimate for spraying the rafters with insulation. Some discussion ensued and despite two types of insulation is up in the roof area, we will leave it for now.

Agenda No. 4 Future Fundraising

Book/Plant Sale for May 21: Tim stated he sees the signs for collection of plant donations. Linda stated Dave R. will donate some plants for the sale and the Zelias Farms is donating some pepper plants (Stew will be potting them). Tim asked what prep needed to be done for the book sale. Linda stated some sorting, then just table set up that day. Tim stated we would use part of next month's meeting as a working meeting in the barn. Some detours were encountered with some history discussions which led to possibly giving the bench to the pool in exchange for a pool pass or two over several years (please don't ask how the conversation thread went from local history to pool passes!).

Fall Festival: Tim stated it's off in the distance but keep it in mind

Christmas Basket Raffles: Linda will send a letter out to basket donors in Oct. and this year wants each donor to have a raffle ticket for a gift card to show our appreciation for their hard work and volunteering to assist the library. Ideas were batted around and a grand slam was hit when the suggestion was made to have the horse carriage rides start and end at the library during the Christmas tree lighting event next year. We digressed to the June meeting and inviting Assemblyman Lemondes along with other local dignitaries. Darcy was slow to go with her finger to her nose and graciously volunteered to send the invites to the June meeting to be sent out after the May meeting.

Agenda No. 5 Budget Vote

Tim discussed talking points to keep all trustees on the same page if asked about the increase we are asking taxpayers to fund. The increase will cover salaries and operating costs, it's been 3 years since an increase, renovations and maintenance.

Around the Table

Linda - really busy and staff is awesome!

Steve - I have a mail drawer!

Darcy - appreciate everyone and the work the board is doing. Easter event was great!

Ashley - I will get to the bank this week!

Mindy - Easter eggs for the roll will be weighted plastic ones next year!

Tim - I have a possible board member!

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A motion was made to adjourn. Motion: M. Smart
2nd: D. Barber
Vote: 5-0 in favor

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 pm

Next meeting: May 16, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy Smart,
Secretary