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**Board Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2024**

Location: Palenville Branch Library and Zoom

Called to Order: 7:00 PM

Present: Helene Tieger, Mike Maloney, Gil Bagnell, Rishema Fox, Mark Perry

Excused: Rishema Fox, Sarah Decker

Staff: Christopher Leary, Emily McCabe, Bathsheba Orlando, excused Joan Miller

Zoom: Dale LaGue

Guests: Joy DeVita

Review of June Minutes: Corrections on spelling: should be Maloney and DeVita

Motion to approve June Minutes w/corrections

G. Bagnell, 2nd M. Maloney

Passed.

Reports

Treasurer report

Mr. Maloney reports that the expenses are on target and running to budget.

The Treasurer’s report was read.

Approved without objection

Michael Maloney

Director Report

Mr. Leary discussed how some form of “Books by Mail” is now being extended. Five sites are receiving materials, and Franklin St. is now beta-testing mailing materials. It will soon extend to curbside services. The visit to CES was also mentioned; 100+ summer school K-2 students received information about signing up for library cards.

Motion to approve Director Report

Christopher Leary

M. Maloney, 2nd M. Perry

Passed.

Branch Manager

Adult Services Report

Youth Services Report

Friends of the Catskill Public Library

The above reports were approved without objection.

Bathsheba Orlando

Dale LaGue

Emily McCabe

Joy DeVita

Old Business:

Progression Policy

Background Check Criteria

In consideration of the situation with the Palenville location, both these policies have been tabled tonight.

Christopher Leary

New Business:

Letter regarding Palenville Lease Renewal

(moved to Executive Session)

Field Trip Permission Form

The version was approved with two corrections: rework the language “My Child” (Mr. Bagnell) and add a liability waiver for “any/all claims for physical injury or economic loss” (Mr. Perry)

Ms. McCabe will develop an amended version for the Board to approve.

Christopher Leary

Emily McCabe

Renewal Agreement, Long Term Loan

Christopher Leary

The current agreement with TCH/Vassar College for Prometheus Bound has ended. TCH has proposed renewing it for the next ten (10) years.

Discussion ensued ~ about the benefits to the Library of having the painting so near and available to our community at no charge and the benefits to the TCH of being able to show the piece.

Some thoughts regarding amending the current contract: the right of first refusal, clarifying which organization insures the piece, and which organization is responsible for maintenance and upkeep. The last appraisal was performed in January 2019; it was recommended that the Library obtain a fresh appraisal for this contract renewal. Mr. Leary will continue to work with TCH and the Board to develop the final lending agreement in the coming months.

Executive Session: 8:15 PM

Motion to move into executive session

H. Tieger, 2nd M. Maloney

Executive session ended: 9:00 PM

M. Maloney, 2nd H. Tieger

The next meeting will be held at the Catskill Public Library at 7:00 pm on August 21st, 2024

Motion to adjourn at 9:03 PM

M. Maloney, 2nd H. Tieger

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Miller for Rishema Fox
Taken from the 07/17/2024 Zoom Recording