

Manlius Library Board of Trustees
~ Meeting Minutes May 19, 2022 ~

Trustees Present: Kim Kutzer (President), Brian Lee (Vice President); Bonnie Buelow (Secretary), Charlie Collins, Bruce Ruppert (Treasurer), Janet Mallan, Linda Napier, Dan Whelan

Librarian Staff Present: Jennifer Milligan, Library Director

President's Report:

President, Kim Kutzer, called the May Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. First order of business was to approve the March 2022 and annual meeting minutes. The president also shared that the Manlius Library Scholarship recipient, Terese Schmidt, will formally receive her award on Monday, May 23.

Approval of the March 2022 and Annual Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve: Bruce Ruppert

Seconded: Dan Whelan

All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Bruce Ruppert's, the Board's treasurer, presented the April 2022 report. A large donation has been made that is part of a larger bequest. The complete amount and timing is still uncertain, but once known the finance committee will meet to develop a proposal for the board on the use of the funds. In addition, the F-M community came out in record numbers to pass the proposed Manlius Library budget. Thank you F-M community!

Approval of the Treasurer's report:

Motion to approve: Janet Mallan

Seconded: Charlie Collins

All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Director's Report:

Jen Milligan picked up the Director's Report where the Treasurer's Report ended to inform the board that there is needed maintenance in several areas of the library, to include the roof. It is good that we have money in reserves for maintenance needs as we will need to lean on that account in the near future.

With summer nearing, the library will reopen the cafe and in-person, summer programming will be in place! Of course, all reopenings are carefully thought out as safety first is the number one consideration.

The library has a few new offerings. One, there are MOST passes for patrons to sign out with a library card. The MOST package includes 2 adult and 2 children's passes. Also, the teens are seeing some new programs with the focus on mental health - 1) Paws and Relax and 2) Create and Connect. Every Wednesday afternoon in the teen room, therapy dogs are present. On Saturdays, Create and Connect matches art with mindfulness. All teen mental health programming is advertised to the community via the quarterly newsletter, PeachJar announcements, and library emails.

Policy Updates:

The board discussed the presented Request for Reconsideration Policy draft and corresponding changes to the Collection Development and Maintenance Policy. There we a discussion on the current trend of increased challenges to library programming and materials nationwide, the mission of the library as a place for diverse ideas, and the role of the board in addressing potential challenges.

Approval of the Request for Reconsideration Policy:

Motion to Approve: Dan Whelan

Seconded: Janet Mallan

All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Approval of the Collection Development and Maintenance Policy Updates:

Motion to Approve: Linda Napier

Seconded: Dan Whelan

All voted in favor, and the motion passed

Kim Kutzer adjourned the meeting at 5:45.

Our next board meeting takes place Thursday, June 23rd at 5:00 pm with location TBD.

Motion to Adjourn

So Moved: Bruce Ruppert

Second: Charlie Collins

Best,

Bonnie Buelow, Secretary