

Saranac Lake Free Library

Board Meeting Agenda

Present: Mackenzie Davison, Andrew Kelly, Tracey Henderson, David Staszak, Angela Bates, Beryl Szwed, Jake Widrick, Christina Lawrence, Tiffany Van Etten, Libby Clark, Kenzie Marine, Wendy Austin

Meeting called to order by Mackenzie Davison at 5:11

- Approval of the minutes from the March 13th meeting - Dave Staszak motioned to approve the March minutes as presented. Beryl Szwed seconded, all in favor. Minutes of March, 2024 meeting approved as presented.
- Period of Public Expression - None presented
- Director's Report

Jake Widrick reviewed the Director's Report with the Board, highlights of which included:

- Recent discussions in the press regarding book challenges and guidelines potentially being drafted by New York State.
- Front window replacement has been completed and looks fantastic.
- The only project still outstanding from last year is related to the solar project which is waiting on a National Grid work order which customer service indicates needs to be resolved by 5/14.
- Smith and Stender came in and replaced the hand driers in the bathrooms in the downstairs level and they will be here again the week of June 24 to replace the lights and HVAC management for that level. They will be back in July to complete the light replacement in the main level.
- In June an exhibit will be going up of artwork created by Children from the Ukraine which depicts their experiences in the recent conflict. During the first art walk everything will be auctioned off with the money going directly to Ukraine aid.
- 4,900 people have been counted on the new people counter that was put in place on the side door.
- Roy Rosenbarker who has been the driving force for the summer book sale has passed away. Jake will be working with the group that meets on Tuesdays to do book sorting to come up with a way to honor his memory.
- Jake has been meeting with town liaison regarding the possibility of setting up a few Little Free Libraries in the community. Committee discussed at length the methods for rehoming books that have been removed from the collection.
- The upcoming school tax vote will include the vote on the library budget, everyone was encouraged to vote and encourage others to do so as well.
- Jeremy Evans and Rachel Child from the Franklin County Economic Advisory Board presented on Main Street facade revitalization. This could be a great opportunity to fill a need that NYS construction grants won't pay for.

- Committee Reports
 - Building & Grounds - as noted above in Director's report.
 - Finance - At the Finance Committee meeting Jake proposed that we take the money from the Janny account for the remainder of the Smith & Stender projects which will likely be reimbursed to us in fourth quarter and returned to the Janny account at that time. A motion to transfer \$120K from Janny to operating funds to cover the cost of this project pending the reimbursement from the grant was forwarded by Dave, Tiffany seconded. All in favor.
 - Personnel - Handbook passed at the last meeting and all staff is happy with the changes.
 - Governance - Mac indicated that this committee hadn't met but we could be looking at firming up descriptions of the duties of the committees in the future.
 - Service - Did not meet, but are looking to find ways to reinvigorate the committee and asked that if any Board members see services that are not being provided that would fit well here to reach out.
 - Membership & Outreach met last week, Jake and Staff wrote the first member appeal letter which will be going out in the next week or so. The letter is currently at Compass Printing and is expected to be back this week. The committee had questions regarding what membership means at the library.
- Old Business
- New Business
 - Update to David Woodward project - David sent an email that was sent out to everyone preceding this meeting after the Board expressed continued interest in this project even without the National Endowment in the Arts support it had originally had. The Village board has \$1,500 allocated to this project. Andrew suggested providing a list of the standard symbols used to identify the different genres and allow him to choose a few. Jake will provide those while asking what the high-end cost of the project will be. Jake, Andrew, Christina and Mac will be on a small committee for this project.
- Adjournment - Angela motioned to adjourn at 6:25 PM, Christina seconded. All in favor.