

Friends of the Brooks Memorial Library

Minutes of Board Meeting, February 15, 2023

Attending: Karen Duggan, Sue Dyer, Connie Kimball, Diane Leary, Janice Stockman, Dayle Doiron, Sharon Myers, and, from the library, Starr LaTronica (Director), Jeni Clary (Circulation Manager), Joyce Sullivan (Trustee)

Call to order: 4:32 pm

The January minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report (Connie Kimball - see separate report for details)

- opening balance (1/1/23): \$69,5.67.03
- closing balance (1/31/23): \$72, 0918.93

The report was accepted and filed.

The board authorized Connie to invest an additional \$20,000 in another Treasury Bond, to be subject to automatic renewals. This will leave \$19,000 in our checking account. Should we need to spend more than this, other accounts can be accessed.

The new Budget was presented (see separate report). Connie noticed some mistakes and will correct them and send out the revised report.

The budget will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

Presidents' Report

- Dessert Evening
This fundraiser is still under consideration. Karen, Sue, Sharon, and Janice will meet to discuss the details.
- Term Limits
Karen would like to check on term limits for board officers and plans to contact Joyce Marcel, the previous board president, to find out the location of the bylaws. When she has them, she will forward them to all the board members.
Connie would like to step down as Treasurer, a position she has held for 7 years.

Library Report (Starr LaTronica)

- Thistlefoot
GennaRose Nethercott's presentation was well attended (80 people), and the feedback was enthusiastic.
- Cataloger
The new cataloger has started work.
- Winter Carnival
Pajama Storytime will replace the scheduled mime.
- Patrons
Interactions with patrons continue to be on a deeper and longer-term basis. Many patrons have been coming in to offer assistance in a variety of ways – e.g., a town newcomer has started a monthly book club.

- Library requests

The following requests, totaling \$5,000, were each voted on and approved:

- Kanopy subscription: \$2,000

At Diane's request, Starr asked Jeanne Walsh to look into Kanopy usage. She found a total of 329 users, most of whom view 1-2 selections per month. In the calendar year 2022, only 7 users viewed 6 per month.

- Drumming about You: \$700
- Black History program: \$300
- creative software to edit music (to be installed on 2 Macs and a laptop): \$2,000

New Business: none

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Submitted by Diane Leary, Secretary