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### July 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes

#### ATTENDANCE:

Julie Ann Price – President  
Liz Reyner – Treasurer  
Eileen Riley – Secretary  
Anne Burton - Advocacy Co-Chair  
Diana Valenchis - Advocacy Co-Chair  
Jill Dugas Hughes - Library Director  
Mari Harris - Library Board Vice-President

Alex Bellisario  
Frank Coppa  
Betty Giugno  
Deb Tagliento  
Tom Grant  
Dinah Farrington  
Linda Murphy  
Mary Kolb  
Judith Maguire  
Judy Kendall  
Jean Sheviak  
David Gonsalves  
Barbara Mootrey  
Lynne Shultis  
Ashley Behrle

#### ABSENT:

MaryAnn Baird

#### CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10.

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Catherine - Library Staff on Censorship  
Discussion of banned books - “Let Freedom Read”

**MINUTES:** Minutes from the April 18, 2023 meeting were reviewed.

**MOTION:** Ms. Reyner made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. 2nd Ms. Giugno. All in favor. None opposed. The motion carried.

#### TREASURER’S REPORT:

**MOTION:** Ms. Price made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report ending June 20, 2023, in the amount of \$50,474.86. 2nd Ms. Shultis. All in favor. None opposed. The motion carried.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

**MOTION:** Ms. Price made a motion nominating Ms. Bellisario and Marianne Baird as co-chairs of Membership. 2nd Ms. Reyner. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Ms. Price made a motion nominating Ashley Behrle as Public Relations Chair. 2nd Ms. Giugno, All in favor. None opposed. The motion carried.

## **FUNDRAISING/BOOK SALES:**

- The book Sale was successful
- Hardcover books for \$5 were not a huge success, and will not be continued
- No Farmers Market this year

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

- New membership suggestions based on Library membership contributions:
- Book Lovers \$0.00 - \$49.00
- Book Collectors \$50.00 - \$99.00 - Friends Only book sale Thursday PM limit 50 books
- Knowledge Seekers \$100.00 - \$250.00 - tote bag & book sale
- Benefactor \$250.00 + Suggestions needed for reward
- The new member campaign begins in the Fall at the Fall Book Sale

**MOTION:** Ms. Murphy made a motion to adopt the new membership categories. 2nd Ms. Giugno. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

No report.

## **ADVOCACY:**

- Discussion of September Library Vote
- Suggestions for increasing the vote:
  - Concert or ice cream on vote night
  - email to members
  - food truck night
  - raffle
- Trustee packets for candidates for the Board of Trustees available at the July Board meeting
- Absentee ballots are available at the library until the Library election
- Voter registration will be at the Library until the Library election
- NYLA Conference will be held in Saratoga on November 1, 2023  
The fee will be paid by the Friends for members who want to attend. Ms. Burton is interested in attending

### **LIBRARY REPORT:**

- The preliminary budget will be presented to the Board tonight
- The Public hearing will be on July 18 at 6:30
- 1 spot is open on the Board - 30 signatures are needed to run & must be submitted by the middle of August
- Strategic Plan will be presented to the Board at the September meeting
- facilities projects are upcoming
- The Library will apply for a construction grant next year
- Summer reading kick-off is Monday and an illusionist will perform at Genet at @2:00

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT:**

- Michael Poost has been awarded Trustee of the Year by NYLA

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

#### **MOTION:**

Ms. Price made a motion to adjourn at 7:08. 2nd Ms. Reyner. All in favor. None opposed. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Riley, Secretary