

Minutes: Board of Trustees, The Field Library, Peekskill

Monday April 25, 2022

Present: President Smith

Treasurer Foster  
Secretary Douglas  
Director Brown

Trustees: Alexander, Bloom, Galella  
Kelley, Romeo

Absent: Cosentino, Vice President Most, Riley  
Liaisons: Grossman, TJ Monahan

Meeting called to order 7:00.

No Public Comment.

Previous minutes to meeting March 17, 2022

Moved to be accepted by Kelley, seconded Romeo. Unanimously adopted.

**Director's Report:** Furniture install is taking longer than hoped. Well received.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report will include discussion of 2023 budget with input from accountant TJ Monahan as part of new business.

**WLS report:** WLS Report

Karen Kelley reminded Board members of the two remaining Trustee Handbook Book Club webinars:

May 3rd - Planning and Evaluation June 14 - PR & Advocacy

Also announced the return of the WLS Trustee Institute with the following tentative schedule:

6/1/22: Rethinking the Public Library's Role as an Anchor Institution

7/12 or 14: Using the Harwood Institute Techniques in your Long-Range/Strategic Planning

Updates to schedule will be provided

**Friends of Field Library:** Highly successful event with author of book on Robert E Lee. March 3. Other events being planned particularly Star Wars Trivia Night May 4.

**Finance Committee:** Tax cap levy resolution to be considered under New Business.

**Governance:** no report

**Nominating Committee:** no report

**Old business:** no report

## **New Business:**

**Designation as Central library for WLS System-** discussion around the resolution to apply to become the Central Library for WLS System. Determined WLS will work with us to assure funding use during two-year waiver period for Mt. Vernon.  
Resolution to initiate application process by the Field Library for the designation by WLS  
Moved by Smith, seconded by Bloom. Unanimously voted.

**Tax levy resolution-** need to gather 725 signatures of Peekskill residents by end of June to get tax levy on the ballot for November. Increase proposed additional \$125,000.00 from City of Peekskill to total \$1,458,000.00 (9% increase) for next year to affect 2023 budget calculations.  
Moved by Bloom, seconded by Smith, unanimously approved.

**2023 Budget discussion** – line item review revealed shortfall and the need for grants applications to fill gaps. Proposal from TJ Monahan to be presented in May meeting.

**Annual report** upon completion and acceptance to be sent to WLS  
Moved by Smith, seconded Kelley. Unanimously voted.

**Memorandum of Understanding with Friends of Field Library-** approved as submitted  
Moved Douglas, seconded Foster. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned to Executive session. \*\*  
Moved Kelly, seconded Smith, unanimously approved.

Next meeting Executive Committee May 9, 2022, BOT Board meeting May 19,2022  
Moved adjourn Kelley, seconded Galella, unanimously approved.

\*\* Exec. Session- no action taken- discussion, review lease language- agreed to send to our attorney for further review prior to resubmit to City of Peekskill.