

The Field Library, Peekskill, New York

Board Meeting April 12, 2018

Present: Melinda Cosentino, Mary Foster, Joe Galella, Tina Romeo, Karen Kelley, Alan Most (taking notes, Jennifer Brown Library Director

1. The meeting was called to order at 7.00 pm by Ms. Kelley.
2. Minutes were adopted from the March 15, 2018 Board Meeting (with the addition of Ms. Romeo's name to those in attendance). Ms. Foster moved to adopt the minutes; second by Ms. Cosentino; unanimous in favor.
3. There was a communication from Tamisha Greenhill regarding her termination from her position at the library. She was referred to the Library's attorney for all communication.
4. Ms. Brown reported that the process of moving the Library's investments would begin on the 13th or 14th. Ms. Smith would be added as a signatory. Ms. Foster questioned whether any large checks should require two signatures. It was suggested that Ms. Smith and Ms. Kelley's names be added. It was agreed that Ms. Brown will prepare a resolution for the Board requiring two signatures for any amount of \$5,000 or more.
5. Ms. Brown discussed the recruitment of additional Board members with an eye on diversifying the Board. Ms. Romeo suggested putting a notice on the Library website for a wider reach.
6. Ms. Brown noted that a security monitor was added to the children's room to prevent vandalism and theft.
7. The review of the circulation numbers showed that there were errors. Ms. Brown will have corrected numbers for the May 2018 Board meeting.
8. There was a discussion about The Field Library Bookstore and how it is running at a loss. Mr. Most suggested that the Director consider closing the Library, storing donated books, and having the Friends of the Field Library run an annual book sale. Ms. Foster suggested having a book sale at the bookstore during a busy weekend in Peekskill.
9. Fundraising activities were discussed, including the Chester Smith dinner and an event surrounding the comic convention in New York. It was suggested that the Friends of the Field Library could aid in these activities.
10. The Board passed the following resolution to request that the following question be placed upon the ballot and voted on at the next general election of the City of Peekskill: Shall the annual contribution of the City of Peekskill for the operating budget of The Field Library be increased by one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to the sum of one million one hundred three thousand dollars (\$1,103,000) annually beginning January 1, 2019? Ms. Foster moved to adopt the resolution; second by Ms. Kelley; unanimous in favor.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 8.45 pm. Ms. Foster moved to adjourn; second by Mr. Galella; unanimous in favor.

Respectfully,

Alan Most