

The Field Library, Peekskill, New York

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees Meeting, October 8, 2020

Present: Sandra Smith, Ann Douglas, Ben Bloom, Tina Romeo, Karen Kelley, Melinda Cosentino, Christopher Alexander, Mary Foster Alan Most (taking notes), Executive Director Jennifer Brown

1. Ms. Smith called the meeting to order at 8.04pm. The meeting was held over Zoom and broadcast over Youtube.
2. Ms. Kelley moved to adopt the September minutes (with the addition of adding Ms. Foster's name to those present at the meeting); second by Ms. Kelley; unanimous in favor.
3. Ms. Kelley moved to adopt the September 10 Executive Session minutes. Second by Ms. Romero; unanimous in favor.
4. Ms. Kelley moved to adopt to adopt the September 17 Executive Session minutes. Second by Ms. Romero; unanimous in favor.
5. Ms. Brown noted in the current financial report the Federal PPP loan was not reflected and that November 6 was the deadline for submitting the application for loan forgiveness. She indicated that this was completed.
6. Ms. Brown noted that it will take a long time for the State to approve the Construction Aid Grant. Even though she still has not received word as to when BOCES will fully vacate its space in Neighborhood Center, she anticipates that work related to the construction grant will hopefully begin in January 2021. The State will be reimbursing the library for work that is already paid for.
7. Ms. Brown noted that the WLS has been responsive to the complaints lodged by her and other member libraries. She indicated that she does not want to leave the WLS network. She was pleased that there is a new tracking system for problems reported to WLS. Ms. Brown and the Board will need to begin discussion in April 2021 as to what WLS support scenario would be most useful to the library.
8. Ms. Brown noted that there has been no time to conduct focus groups concerning the strategic plan. There was a consensus that the plan's development should proceed without the focus groups.
9. Ms. Brown noted that she is considering a book for a community read regarding the police and race relations: STANDOFF.
10. Mr. Most noted that Friends of The Field Library have scheduled a Wizard of Oz trivia night on Novmeber 19. The group is, also, looking into a story telling or "selected shorts" event in 2021.
11. Mr. Most moved that the Board meeting be moved to Executive Session. Second by Ms. Romero; unanimous in favor.
12. Mr. Most moved that the Executive Session be adjourned. Second by Mr. Bloom; unanimous in favor.
13. Mr. Most moved to adjourn the meeting at 8.15pm. Second by Mr. Bloom; unanimous in favor.