

Minutes: Board of Trustees, The Field Library, Peekskill Annual Meeting

Thursday, October 20, 2022

Present: President Smith
Vice-president Most
Treasurer Foster
Secretary Douglas
Director Brown

Trustees: Bloom, Cosentino, Kelley, Romeo

Virtual (Zoom): Galella, Noble, Alexander

Liaison: Riley

Guests: Friends of Field Library Brigham, Eckhardt,
Warn, Williams

Meeting called to order 7:12 pm.

Public Comment: Members representing Friends of the Field Library presented a check for \$6000 raised to support library programming from recent events. Appreciation expressed.

Previous minutes to meeting September 15, 2022

Moved to be accepted by Kelley, seconded by Foster. Unanimously adopted. VP Most abstained due to absence.

Director's Report: Programs in full swing. Meeting with school groups has increased number of cards issued to students. All statistics are positive and ahead of last year. Grants report shows activity with several grants pending action.

Treasurer's Report: Comprehensive presentation of financial picture. P/L statement in line with newly updated budget. Appreciation expressed for the timely gift from the Friend of the Field Library.

Moved to accept by Kelley seconded Cosentino, unanimously approved.

WLS report: WLS will host more education forums. Forums will be in person.

Ongoing work with Mt Vernon library open but will have more state oversight. Construction grants are available; we have to execute lease with City of Peekskill to be eligible to apply for grant. PLDA (Public Library Director's Association) is encouraging libraries to post employment positions using a range of salaries, not specific salary. Director Brown to make adjustments.

Friends of Field Library: Chester Smith event a large success. Plans for more events are under discussion; trivia night and more Manitooga tours.

Governance: no report. Meeting Room policy to be discussed under Old Business. Charter revision corrections made, to be mailed back to state.

Nominating Committee: Annual meeting October 20- at end of meeting.

Finance Comm: will meet 11/21

Audit: Preparation of bids for audit of 2023.

Facilities Committee: No report
Personnel Committee: No report.
Strategic Planning Committee: No report

Old business: Charter amendment resolution. Moved to approve by Most, seconded by Foster, unanimously approved.

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FIELD LIBRARY

We the undersigned, being the President and Secretary of The Field Library, a corporation organized and existing pursuant to an absolute charter granted by the Regents of the University of the State of New York, hereby certify that the following is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the affirmative vote of not less than three-fourths of the whole number of trustees at a meeting held on the 20 of October 2022, and that such resolution remains in full force and effect.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees of hereby requests that the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York amend the charter of such corporation to change the range for the number of trustees from not less than nine nor more than eleven to not less than nine nor more than twenty-five.

RESOLVED: That the President and Secretary of the corporation, on behalf of the board of trustees be and they hereby are authorized to execute a petition to be addressed "To the Regents of the University of the State of New York" for such purpose.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have made, signed and acknowledged this application on the _____ of _____ 2022.

Sandra Smith, Board President

Ann Douglas, Secretary, Board of Trustees

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

On this _____ of _____ 2022 before me personally came (Sandra Smith and Ann Douglas), to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing application, and they severally duly acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

Meeting Room Policy: Discussion held as to permission for political organizations to use facility and what constitutes fund-raising. Board decided to approve policy with change of verbiage in two areas to have policy in place as soon as possible and make adjustments as needed.** Motion to approve by Most, seconded by Smith, motion approved. Two abstentions.

New Business: Management Collection Policy. Motion to approve by Foster, seconded by Most, unanimously approved.

Trustee Class Reassignment: Several Trustees reassigned to “classes” reflecting new three-year term limits. New assignment of expiration of term:

Alexander 2025, Bloom 2024, Douglas 2025, Kelley 2023, Most 2025, Smith 2024

Moved to accept Kelley, seconded Douglas, unanimously approved.

Election of Officers: President: Most, Treasurer: Foster, Secretary: Douglas

Due to election of VP Most to President, nominations from floor to fill the vacancy.

Galella proposed Cosentino, moved by Galella, seconded by Kelley, unanimously approved.

Next meeting Executive Committee November 3, 2022, BOT Board meeting November

17,2022,

Moved to adjourn by Alexander, seconded by Douglas, unanimously approved. Adjourned at 8:57pm.

**MEETING ROOMS POLICY

The Field Library’s policy is to make meeting spaces available to local ~~not for profit~~ organizations which are headquartered within, or provide substantial services to, the residents of the City of Peekskill and/or Town of Cortlandt. Although the meeting rooms are primarily used for Library programs and Library co-sponsored programs, other ~~not for profit groups~~ wishing to meet for educational, cultural, recreational or civic purposes may apply. The meeting rooms are provided on an equitable basis regardless of beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups. In so doing, the Library affirms its support of the American Library Association’s policy on meetings...

Reservations

- An applicant may request a room only once per month and no more than 3 months in advance. ~~Groups requesting more frequent meeting times will be interviewed for such consideration by Director on a case by case basis.~~