

The Field Library, Peekskill, New York

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees , December 10, 2020

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 7.05pm by Ms. Smith. The meeting was broadcast over Facebook live and was recorded.
2. Ms. Foster moved to accept the November 2020 minutes; second by Ms. Kelley; unanimous in favor.
3. Ms. Romeo moved to accept the November 2020 Executive Session minutes; second by Mr. Bloom; unanimous in favor.
4. Ms. Brown noted that Cynthia Knox has formed a local group of non profits with a focus on how to manage during COVID.
5. Ms. Brown noted that in cooperation with the Westchester Library Services, the Library will be receiving a free computer to provide a local family that does not yet have a computer.
6. Ms. Brown noted that in conjunction with the placement of the Harriet Tubman statue in downtown Peekskill, the Library is developing a local history talk and a project where people will take their picture with the statue and write their thoughts about Tubman.
7. Ms. Brown noted that she was interviewed by Sonya Gerber for an article in a local periodical.
8. Ms. Brown indicated that she would like to close the survey and asked for volunteer to help draft the goals and objectives; Ms. Cosentino and Ms. Kelley volunteered.
9. Ms. Foster noted that the Library is doing better than budget by about \$30,000.
10. Ms. Kelley noted that WLS' information technology (IT) situation has been improving; Ms. Brown agreed.
11. Ms. Foster indicated that she would like to see the Trustees update its bylaws. This Governance Committee comprises Ms. Douglas and Ms. Smith.
12. Ms. Brown indicated that the "community read" in conjunction with the police reform task force would be coordinated by Nora Mulligan.
13. Ms. Douglas moved that the meeting be moved to Executive Session; second by Ms. Kelley; unanimous in favor.
14. At 8.11 pm Mr. Most moved that the Executive Session be closed; second by Ms. Kelley; unanimous in favor.
15. Mr. Most moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8.12pm; second by Ms. Kelley; unanimous in favor.