

Ellenville Public Library & Museum

March 20, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

The public hearing on the proposed budget for 2018 was opened by President Donohue at 7:00 pm. No one attended. The hearing was closed at 7:01 pm.

Members Present: President Bertha Donohue, trustees Nadia Maczaj, Michelle Mainolfi, Kate Walsh-Eckert, Erin Levine and Director Pam Stocking, attorney Abigail Osgood.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm (KW-E/BD).

Motion to accept the revised February minutes (NM/MM/unanimous).

Financial Reports

MOTION: The treasurer's report was accepted (EL/KW-E/unanimous).

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Petitioners: None

Correspondence:

Thank you from Bonnie Hull and Pam Kuhlman on behalf of the board of Deacons for the donation for the food pantry.

Bill Rhoades wrote a letter of support for the Preserve NY grant.

Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds-

Debbie Stack provided a landscaping report. Jim Hyatt will need to meet with Debbie Stack, the B&G committee and Diane Greenberg from the Catskill Native Nursery.

Nadia discussed the immediate improvements we can make around the library. The book drop is in bad shape and may need to be replaced due to excessive rust. Staff input should be considered on items that involve them.

Personnel Committee-

Executive session was called at 7:18 to discuss personnel matters (BD/EL).

Executive session ended at 7:26 (KW-E/EL).

Museum Committee-

Mrs. Dumond feels the museum policy needs to be changed to make it more inclusive to staff. The changes may be dependent on the new position we are creating for the museum. We will visit this again once we have the new position filled.

MOTION: to accept accession/deaccession items as listed on the Review Committee Report (EL/MM/unanimous).

The museum would like to know if the museum is required to archive all of the minutes/reports. Legally, no, but for historic reasons they should be.

The following resolutions were passed to support the PreserveNY Grant application due this month:

RESOLUTION: to commit up to \$16,300, to cover Phase I and a complete floor plan of TH, of the consultation fees for the museum conditions report. These funds will be funded through the following sources: the fund balance (\$5,000), the Stedner fund (\$7,500), and building repairs (\$3,800), subject to grant requirements (EL/MM/unanimous).

RESOLUTION: to commit up to \$7,900 to cover Phase II, a Master Plan, prioritizing restoration and improvements to Terwilliger House (EL/KW-E).

Old Business:

The Quaker House minutes were given to EPL&M before 1963 by Joseph Watson. Multiple Quaker groups are interested in the minutes. Unless new information comes to light, they may be best suited to remain here as they are accessible to all.

New Business:

MOTION: To override the tax cap for 2018 (MM/KW-E/unanimous)

MOTION: to approve the 2018 budget to present to the public for vote on April 18 (EL/KW-E/unanimous).

Donald Odom Sr. dropped off his petition to run for the Board of Trustees.

Asha would like permission to approach local businesses to sponsor the Cinco DeMaio and Vanaver events. We need to look into legalities prior to library approval.

MOTION: To put \$20,000 in a fund for unemployment (MM/KW-E/unanimous).

A liability waiver is needed for vendors at the Back Yard Sale.

The board reaffirmed the following policies: Rules of Conduct, Code of Ethics, Acceptance and Disposal Certificates Policy, Advertising on Library Materials Policy, the Bulletin Board Policy, and the Collection of Funds Policy. The Rules of Conduct and Advertising Policy were updated.

MOTION: to amend the Rules of Conduct and Advertising Policy (EL/KW-E).

Save the date: June 15th for a joint MAB/Library meeting at 6:30.

Director's Report- See attached Director's Report.

Asha's report- Her report was sent with the library minutes.

Susan's report- was e-mailed to the board and will be filed with library minutes.

MOTION: to adjourn at 8:47 (NM/MM/unanimous).

Our next meeting will be Monday April 17, 2017.