

Minutes: Board of Trustees, The Field Library, Monthly meeting

Thursday September 21, 2023

Present: President Most
Vice-President Bloom
Treasurer
Secretary Douglas
Director Brown

Trustees Present: Fortino, Galella, Kelley
Noble, Smith, Srinivasan
Trustees Absent: Alexander, Foster
Guests Present: Riley

Meeting called to order 7:03pm.

Previous minutes to meeting May 19, 2023.

Moved to be accepted by Bloom, seconded by Kelley. Unanimously adopted.

Minutes to meeting July 20, 2023

Moved to be accepted by Srinivasan, seconded by Smith. Unanimously adopted.

Director's Report: Report accepted as offered. Funding from Assemblyperson Levenberg for \$30K to support material/programs for early/immigrant literacy was increased to \$110K by Assembly Speaker Heastie on a visit to Peekskill. This can cover new flooring in adult area.

Treasurer's Report: Current trends are in line with proposed/adopted budget. Treasurer requested designated funds from State be set aside for planning.

Statistics: Report accepted as offered.

WLS Report: WLS funded several library construction grants up to \$215K. The Field Library hopes to apply next year for grant once lease concerns are addressed.

Friends of The Field Library: Chester Smith event April 24, 2024.

Grants: no report

Committee Reports:

Audit: Audits completed. A few suggestions regarding policies being reviewed by Library Director.

Executive Committee: No report.

Facilities Committee: Fired drill activity to be coordinated by Library Director.

Finance Committee: no report.

Fund-raising: meeting end of month. Library staff contributing to wish list "Field of Dreams" for programs/activities which could be funded.

Governance: Charter revision still pending. Reminder Trustees must complete 2 hours of training annually. Trustees to report attendance to Secretary.

Human Resources: no report.

Nominating committee: Ad hoc committee formed to organize election in October Trustees Galella and Kelley will meet as needed.

Strategic Planning committee: no report.

Web Design: Srinivasan, Fortino reported ongoing research- current web site usage stats to be provided to facilitate ultimate RFP and web designer choice.

Discussion Items:

Governor still has not signed legislation regarding ballot signatures for budget. Suggestions made for phone campaign to Governor's office to encourage signing bill.

Old Business: none

New Business:

WLS IT service agreement: Moved to accept service agreement by Smith, seconded by Fortino. Unanimously adopted

Audit for 2022: Moved to be accepted by Smith, seconded by Bloom. Unanimously adopted.

Moved to adjourn to Executive Session 8:11 pm. Moved by Srinivasan, seconded by Smith Unanimously voted. Purposes of Executive Session to discuss real estate issues.

Moved to exit Executive Session by Smith, seconded by Bloom, Unanimously approved.

Moved to adjourn meeting Bloom, seconded Noble, Unanimously approved.

Meeting Adjourned 8:32pm Next meeting October 19, 2023