

BEEKMAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting
Wednesday July 31, 2013
Beekman Library

Trustees Present: Beth Ferguson, Tom Kraft, Ann Kummer, Ed Lieberthal, Julie Mirsberger, Bitsy Scigliano, Kate Monroe

Trustees Absent:

Staff Present: Carol Rodriguez

Tom introduced Mary Beth Ellman who is interested in becoming a Beekman Library trustee. This is her first observation/attendance at a meeting of the board.

Tom called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Bitsy made a motion to accept the minutes as written from the June 2013 board meeting. Ed seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Action Item:

Carol read the resolution (attached) asking the town of Beekman to submit our petition to the Board of Elections for the upcoming vote on the Beekman Library budget on Election Day, November 2013. There are 62 pages, 530 signatures, to be presented to the Dutchess County Board of Election.

Motion moved by Ann, seconded by Kate, passed unanimously.

Julie Mirsberger who was not feeling well was excused from the remainder of the meeting.

2014 proposed line item budget, motion to accept as projected. Moved by Bitsy, seconded by Ed, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

As of June 30, 2013 Balance Sheet, Total Liabilities and Equity, 470,806

Preliminary July 15, 2013 balance: \$462,510

June 30, 2013 YTD Treasurer's Report:

Net Income 196,314, overall higher by 16,624 from 2013 budget

Director's Report: See update in folder.

Additional discussion to report:

Going with Taylor Oil. We prepaid for the 2013-2014 heating season to get the best rate. We will be over budget in 2013 and most likely under budget in 2014.

"Boredom Busters" is Carol's article in the Poughkeepsie Journal column "On the Shelves" on August 4, 2013.

Maker Space (Technology)

A grant application was submitted to Best Buy for a Maker Space "on a cart". Will be used for children and adults, but probably children first. Grant request \$3,000. The main purchases would be a 3D printer and a Raspberry for computer programming.

Slow Internet speed situation – Tom asked Carol to check with Verizon in addition to Sanjay's recommendations. Also ask Rob who offered to assist library whenever possible, especially in his areas of expertise.

Staffing: Ann DeGraaff-Tansey hired for the adult programmer position. Eileen will work in August, as needed, until all planned programs are completed.

Committee reports:

414 Publicity: Working on the wording of letter and postcard. Next meeting scheduled for August 7th at 10 am.

Annual Event Final Report from Carol. Carol went over the letter and suggestions from consultant.

Old Business:

Mortgage: Discussion of HVFC and Bridgeway. Investigation will continue. Tom calling HVFC.

Union Vale Update: Currently Union Vale offering an additional \$5000 to be shared by the four libraries.

New Business:

Pangia: Letter of Engagement. Next three years, \$8,000, \$8,500, \$9,000
Motion to sign the Letter of Engagement moved by Beth, seconded by Kate, passed unanimously.

Fines: Proposal to increase fine rates. Discussion followed no resolution at this time.

Tom thanked everyone involved in the petition drive.

Adjournment:

Tom moved the meeting be adjourned. Ann seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Next Regular Board meeting will take place on **Monday August 26, 2013**

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Scigliano