

Minutes of the Inlet Library Board

Thursday, April 15, 2021

Members Present: Ellie Andrews, Sue Beck, Jean Bird, Katie Chambers, Reggie Chambers, Kim Egenhoffer, Mary Jane Lasher, Judy Miller, Edie Schreppel and Library Director Joanne Kelly

Members Excused: Becky Hasemeier

The meeting was called to order at 2pm

March Minutes: The minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. As there were no additions or corrections the minutes were approved on a motion by Edie, seconded by Kim.

Treasurer's Report: Katie distributed and reviewed the March report (copy attached). Total disbursements were \$5,189.35 which included payment to Risley & Townsend of \$4,278.92 for the new lighting. Total receipts were \$1,461.60 which included payments from SALS and the town of Inlet. The total of all funds as of March 31 was \$40,399.86. The Treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Jean, seconded by Ellie.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Library Construction Grant-final: Katie completed the final report for the grant for the air conditioning system and the LED lighting. Once approved the Library should receive the final payment of \$1,149. The Board thanked Katie for all her hard work.
2. Minimum Standards:
 - A. Mary Jane spoke with Linda Weal of the Old forge Library. They received 105 responses to the survey. Linda forwarded a copy of their completed plan.
 - B. Katie, Joanne, and Mary Jane reviewed the webinar they attended on March 30th. Most of the discussion centered on forming a community wide committee and gathering demographic data as well as the Town of Inlet Plan.
 - C. Joanne reports that she is hoping Adelle Burnet will be on the committee along with Holly Koepe.
 - D. Erica Freudenberger provided 3 web sites with Inlet demographic data. Mary Jane can forward this to anyone who wishes it. The next webinar is on Tuesday, April 20th.
3. Bylaws: After much discussion regarding adding an item on board members attendance, Katie made the motion that "Trustees are expected to attend all Board meetings unless prior notice is given to a Board officer. Trustees are expected to attend Library functions, contribute to Library activities and support the operational needs of the Library" which was seconded by Sue and approved unanimously.

NEW Business:

1. State Budget and Libraries: Sara Dallas forwarded a summary (copy attached). In brief: The State Library Aid is \$94.1 million which restores it to the level it was 5 years ago.

The State Public Library Construction Aid is \$34 million, up from \$14 million last year, giving SALS libraries \$1 million. A new category for \$15 million is Digital Inclusion Competitive Grants. We need to keep an eye on this as it may help with the internet problems the Library is experiencing. Targeted (Bullet) Aid has \$23 million. After discussion it was decided that Mary Jane should send a letter to Senator Tedisco for \$4,000 for a new water system due to the antiquated and deteriorating current system.

2. Memorial Day: Joanne is now the Adjutant for the Inlet Legion and has responsibilities for the Memorial Day activities and parade on May 31, 2021. After discussion it was decided to close the library on Memorial Day on a motion by Ellie, seconded by Edie.
3. Pandemic Operations Policy: Linda Weal of the Old Forge Library mentioned to Mary Jane that their library developed a policy to be referred to should there ever be another pandemic or health emergency in the future. Linda forwarded their copy. After discussion, the consensus was that this might be a good idea. Mary Jane will pull together the memos and materials developed during the current pandemic.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Joanne distributed and reviewed her report (copy attached). Joanne received a request from ADK Experience for the Library to purchase a pass for \$65 which patrons could check-out giving them a 50% discount. The patron would have to return the pass to the Library. After much discussion Judy suggested that in this day of electronic devices could the pass be photographed on the patron's phone. Then the pass would remain in the Library. Joanne will discuss this with ADK Experience. The Board approved the purchase of the pass on a motion by Edie, seconded by Sue. On Saturday of Memorial weekend, the Town is having its annual garage sale. Joanne wanted to know if the board wanted her to extend the library hours. After discussion it was decided to keep the hours 10-12.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 2pm

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Edie, seconded by Ellie