

Minutes of the Inlet Library Board

Thursday, September 23, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ellie Andrews, Sue Beck, Katie Chambers, Kim Egenhofer, Mary Jane Lasher, Edie Schreppel, Jeanne Wilson, and Library Director Joanne Kelly.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jean Bird, Reggie Chambers, Becky Hasemeier, and JoAnn Meneilly.

The meeting was called to order at 2:32 p.m.

August Minutes: The minutes, distributed prior to the meeting were approved with one typo correction on a motion by Jeanne, seconded by Ellie.

Treasurer's Report: Katie reviewed the Treasurer's report for August which was distributed prior to the meeting (copy attached). Disbursements were high due to the annual Insurance fee of \$1,219 to CHUBB and the deposit of \$5,000 to Amber Water Pros for the new well. Receipts were high due to increased donations during July and August. The total as of 8/31/2021 in the checking account is \$27,928.59 and the total in the savings account is \$15,392.82 with a total for both accounts being \$43,321.41. The Treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Sue, seconded by Edie.

Katie then reviewed interest rates for the savings account vs a CD. The current interest rate for the savings account is .02%; for a CD held from 90 days to 6 months it is .03% and a CD held from 12 to 23 months it is .05%. Katie recommended we make no changes until after the well is installed in case we have to pay for it before receiving funds from the donor.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Minimum Standards: Discussion centered on reviewing the "Strategic Plan Template" which was distributed (copy attached). Katie, Becky, JoAnn, and Mary Jane will meet to work on developing the plan. Sue as the Library Historian will develop 1-2 paragraphs on the history of the Inlet Library. Katie will research the demographics for Hamilton County and more specifically, Inlet.
2. The Well Water Project: Mary Jane spoke with Claire of Amber Well Drilling regarding scheduling. The Driller injured his knee and was out of work but has now returned on a reduced schedule. Claire anticipates our well being put on a schedule by mid-October and promises to give us at least a one week notice for the start date.
3. Fall Festival: Joanne worked both Saturday and Sunday from 10 to 3. JoAnn, Sue, Kim, and volunteer Sue Scharf helped with the Used book Room. Donations received were \$60.25 on Saturday and \$92 on Sunday for a total of \$152.25. This is more than the Library received since 2016.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Budget Committee: Jean, Jeanne and Joanne will work with Katie to develop the budget for 2022 which will be presented at the October meeting for Board input and approval.
2. Adirondack Kids Day: Reggie has arranged for 2 Illustrators to be in the Library from 10-12 on Saturday October 2nd during Adirondack Kids Day. They have done this in previous years, demonstrating and teaching the children how to develop book illustrations.
3. Donations: The Library has received a total of \$935 in memory of Mary Lee Kalil. Joanne will send a letter to the family with a list of the donors. A grant of \$250 to be used as needed, was received from the O.J. and Anna Betz Charitable Trust. Joanne sent thank you notes to both the fund and the Betz's.
4. IABA update: Joanne and Kim attended the last meeting. Discussion centered on Adirondack Kids Day which is on Oct 2nd and Christmas on Main Street Thanksgiving weekend. The community garden at the former Inlet school was discussed. IABA is developing a second garden which will be inside. Educational materials are being developed with the expectation of getting children involved with gardening. They discussed how the garden is a first step toward becoming a Climate Smart Community. ANCA will give a presentation on Alternate Energy Sources in the Inlet Town Hall on October 6th.
5. October visit from Sara Dallas: SALS Director Sara Dallas will attend our October board meeting, either in-person or virtually depending on COVID numbers.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Joanne distributed and reviewed her report (copy attached). Joanne has been communicating with both the SALS IT unit and HP to resolve the problem with the printer. The printer works fine with the Library's public computers. If patrons use their own devices and try to print it may take hours for the printer to respond.

Fall hours begin on October 1. The Library will be open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10-2 and Saturday from 10-12.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday October 21, 2021, at 2 pm in the Library

The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 on a motion by Kim seconded by Edie.