Dr. Sandor and Berthe Benedek Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting #7, August 24, 2021

Members present: Pres. Bill Fiske, Director Candy Wilson, Mary Finch, Tim Allard, Roxanna Miller

Members absent: Susan Goodrich

Public In attendance: Kelly Oakley, who had no comments today.

The meeting opened at 12:09. Members read the agenda and amended it. Bill moved to approve the agenda; Tim seconded the motion. Motion accepted.After reading the minutes of the previous meeting and noting corrections, Bill moved to approve the minutes; Tim seconded that motion. Motion accepted.

Treasurer’s report

1.Balance sheets

—as of July 31

—as of August 20

2. Operating Budget Review,

Bill moved to accept all of these; Tim seconded. Motion approved.

Old Business

1. Friend’s Group

1. Afternoon of music with the Sam Pallet Band:

The audience enjoyed the program. Rose did an excellent of organizing the entire afternoon and

then running the food sales. While we took in $395 in food sales, $16 in donations, and $75.from the 50-50 raffle, we had a loss of $205. The Friend’s Group will cover this.

Expenses included the band, the latrine, food and advertising.

1. The fall Book and Bake Sale

We originally scheduled this for the the last weekend in September but are rescheduling to avoid competition with Corning library’s bag sale. We will move our sale to October 15, 3-6pm,

October 16, 9:00—4:00pm, and October 17, 10:00am-3:00pm.

1. MHJMH— update on work

1. The new computers are in. There is a problem with streaming video. The internet connection is lost

due to storm damage in both the Prattsburg and Jasper areas. Candy will advertise the availability

the new computers after internet repairs are completed.

2. Tree removal on the property is complete. The outside table for wi-fi use is now in the sunshine w/ an

umbrella. We need to decide location and with what type of tree should we decide to replant.

\*\*Break in agenda. Brian Scott, Mayor of Savona, stopped in to explain a whole-community event that a local group

Is planning. Their goal is to involve community members, school and church members for raising

Funds to donate to the Woodhull area: A Community for a Community. On Labor Day weekend they will hold a

“Community Hit the Bucket Event”, with people from all groups signing up for a time to hold out donation buckets at

The Four corners of Rt. 415 and Rt.226. Individuals can also leave donations at the library and the office of the

Village clerk. Checks to Funds for Savona. \*\*

3. ARC Grant update: This is a 50-50 grant for $8000. The grant pays $4000; the library pays $4000.

Our black and white printer needs replacing. Candy will get prices for that, making sure one will have

Blue-tooth capability.

1. Policies

The board discussed the merits of the library continuing to be “Fine Free” permanently. Bill moved that we be permanently fine free for everything now and in the future. Borrowers will still be responsible for returning an item or replacing it. Their account will remain blocked until then.

1. 2022 Budget planning

Bill and Tim will help, via a Zoom meeting.

1. Bookkeeper

The first person could not manage the task. Bill asked Pat Donnelly for recommendations. A retired Steuben County clerk is interested. Candy will work up a job description, using current policy as a basis. Bill is suggesting a pay rate of $16/hour for the position.

New Business

1. We need a 5-year planning session. We will meet on October 14, from 9 am-12 pm for this purpose.
2. A special children’s event will occur Saturday, August 28 at 1pm. A String Quartet from the Orchestra of the Finger Lakes-will present “Ferdinand the Bull.”
3. One of the little free libraries (school location) needs repair. Candy will ask Tony if he can fix the hinge which is defective.
4. October 10 —Mary Helen Joint Memorial.

Rick Littell and Candy will prepare a PowerPoint to show a family helping a community. The family wants this program/ memorial open to the entire community. The family will pay for the tent and food for this event.

1. Rick needs a way for his role of historian to pass on. He would like to place the collection in the library. Much of the material needs to be archived and stored properly.

Executive Session

The board is renewing the director’s contract for one more year at a rate of $20/hour.

Return to regular meeting

Before adjourning this meeting, the board took time to thank Candy Wilson for all the extra work she puts into Benedek Memorial Library.

This meeting adjourned at 1:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanna E. Miller, Secretary