Dr. Sandor and Berthe Benedek Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes # 4, May 24, 2023

Members present: Tim Allard (out at 3:22), Mary Finch, Susan Goodrich, President Bill Fiske, Roxanna Miller,

Director Candy Wilson

All members present; no public in attendance

President Fiske opened the meeting at 3:05. After reading the agenda and adding two additional items Bill moved to accept the amended agenda; Tim seconded the motion. Accepted. By consensus meeting time for June’s meeting will at 12.00 noon.

The minutes from the April meeting were read, discussed. Bill moved to accept them; Tim seconded that motion. Minutes accepted.

Treasurer’s report

Balance sheets reviewed. Change needs to be made to reflect the amounts put into the 13-month CD in May 2023

Operating budget. Read, no changes.

Employee Retention Credit. Assure, the library’s payroll company questions if we want to look into this. Bill suggested we ask about this; what fees might the library incur?

Candy will call Assure and report any additional information to the board.

Tax information has been filed by Charles Wheat

Old business

1. Friends group. (Membership now up to $750)

\*fundraisers

BBQ ready to go in Memorial Day

Community Events Committee has The Sam Pallett Band playing on the library lawn on July 9.

1. MHJH

\*One grant received for one set of shelves.

\*NYS preservation group will guide Candy in determining how and what to include in setting up

this historical section.

* Wayne Van Husen is interested is donating to the historical collection.

1. Budget vote

\*Passed

\*Consider different ways to present ourselves for future budget vote success.

D. Summer Reading Mini Art Gallery

All patrons are being asked to create a piece on a canvas the size Candy will have available.

This activity is mandatory for Board members. Each artist will get a raffle ticket to place in the raffle of their choice.

New business

1. Construction Grant process

As result of attending an STLS workshop, Candy now has information about what basics we need to be aware of: process is lengthy, goes across more than one year, is for new construction, minimum amount to apply for is $5000, and likely only 50-50 match of total needed. So careful planning, cost estimate, and available local funds need to be based on future needs and expenses.

Plans will first need approval from a local committee.

1. SAM registration renewal support

—Candy will talk to Brian about this.

1. Minecraft licensing

If we have Microsoft 356, at a cost of $107, we can get up to 10 licenses for free if we are an institution that is fundamentally education worthy.

1. Other new business

* “1st amendment auditors”—groups work by instigating and filming poor “customer service”

SUMMER READING ACTIVITIES

Candy has suggestions she would like to do:

1. have a book club for teens and adults, 14 yrs. and above
2. Have a book club for younger children

Both book choices are graphic novels, Asian based. Candy would like to get 10 copies of each book which possible club members could have for free. Members would meet 1-2 times to discuss the book.

Another activity could be making pipe cleaner structures,

The meeting adjourned at 5:27