

Hazard Library Association Meeting
Monday, September 9, 2024

Held at Opendore, Sherwood, NY

PRESENT: Nancy Hart, Bess Simkin, Patricia Covert, Kathie Garnsey, Betsy Donald, Lisa Semenza

ABSENT: Connie Rejman, Pat Berry, Sonjia Turner

The meeting was opened by President, Nancy Hart at 6:39 p.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Patricia Covert and 2nd by Bess Simkin to approve the August minutes. CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Patricia will call QuickBooks as info is not showing up correctly.

Current Balance: \$11,739.57 - checking account.

Patricia presented a Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss information sheet.

A motion was made by Bess and 2nd by Kathy to approve the Treasurer's Report. CARRIED.

It was discussed as to how much we wanted to donate to the Poplar Ridge Fire Dept. for the use of their building for the Book Sale. Our last donation was \$200.

A motion was made by Patricia and 2nd by Betsy to give the PRFD \$300 this year.

CARRIED. Patricia will do the Thank You Note along with the check.

DOUG'S FISH FRY: Doug's wants to confirm a fall date for another fundraiser for our sponsorship (possibly in October). Board members did not feel Monday, October 14, (Columbus Day) was a good day to have it since school was not in session.

PAY PAL INFORMATION: A check from PayPal for Book Sale donations has been requested. We received \$805 from sales using PayPal. The account is now clear to accept donations during the concert.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

AUGUST. 13: Science on the Lawn with Story Laurie (bugs in My Backyard) and STEM teacher (Sarah Wagner).

AUGUST 14: Received feedback from our lawyer regarding liability coverage for the Board. It seems to be a comprehensive policy for our needs. Nancy and Connie both suggested adding the workplace violence coverage for \$57.

AUGUST 20: Final Summer Program with Captain Jack

AUGUST 22: Ukulele Camp Concert

AUGUST 29: Joint Operating Committee meeting (Lisa, Nancy, Patricia, and Guy, Karen, and Larry Bell from HSSM)

AUGUST 31: FLLS Library Road Trip ended. Not all statistics are in, but there were 104 people who visited at least 20 libraries and 78 who visited all 33 libraries in the system. It was fun to meet people from across the 5 counties.

SEPTEMBER 4: SC Book Club met at Opendore to discuss "Being Mortal" by Atul Gawande. 15 attended. Larry Bell graciously offered to lead the discussion.

SEPTEMBER 4/5: Heard of the possibility of receiving 90%/10% split for the 2024-2025 Construction Grant. Sarah confirmed on 9/5 that another library in the system had dropped out so we could as much as 90%. This would leave us with about \$60,000 in matching funds for this year. We are still waiting for word from the state regarding the 2023-2024 grant.

SEPTEMBER 7: Tomato Fest- Lisa and Nancy were at the Heritage Center. Received donations for our building fund and signed up 2 for Library Cards. Weather was rainy.

UPCOMING

SEPTEMBER 10: Story Hour Begins

SEPTEMBER 20: Ice Cream Sundae Party at EH to celebrate students who participated in Summer Reading in some capacity.

SEPTEMBER 21: Library card sign-up push at KFFD

SEPTEMBER 24: Tentative start date for UPK Story Time visits

SEPTEMBER 25: Emily Howland Back-to-School Open House

LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT PHASE 2: Sarah gave us an extension (to September 10) so the Board could approve it. A motion was made by Nancy and 2nd by Betsy to approve Lisa submitting the 2024-2025 Hazard Library application for the NYS Library Construction Grant to the FLLS. CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

Fundraiser Concert:

Everyone was asked to wear their T-shirts. There are a few extra for those who do not have them. Information forms are needed for all donations especially those donated by the Board, community members, and all requested donations from businesses, etc.

Dugan's Food Truck will be on site from approximately 1-5 and Music will be on site from around 1-4. Patricia will do the 50-50 Raffle.

Games will be available such as Lawn Billiards, Corn Hole, Coloring papers, and possibly a puzzle.

Tents are needed as well as cones for parking.

Bess will get chairs from The Meeting House. We have some tables, but will also need about 16 in all.

Nancy will send a personal invitation along with a mini poster to the following Foundations (Allen, Emerson, and Metcalf), and to the political Representatives for our area.

We will meet on Saturday, Sept. 21, at 2:00 p.m. at Opendore with donations and donation information sheets.

Arrival on Sunday, Sept. 22, - 11:00 a.m. to set up chairs, tents, get out silent auction and raffle items, and set up the snack table (Baked goods, drinks), and nothing else needed.

A suggested donation of \$10 was discussed and it was agreed to keep it the same as last year.

NEW BUSINESS:

All were reminded of the Trustee Training Requirements (minimum of 2 hours) as well as the Sexual Harassment Training.

October 18: FLLS Annual Meeting will be held in Ithaca from 9- 12:30. Trustees are welcome and urged to attend.

ANNUAL APPEAL:

Nancy will write the letter again this year. It was briefly discussed as to when we want to start the appeal. It is usually done in December.

It was suggested that Lisa ask Mary & Mike Riley about cleaning supplies that work best to use to clean the Lions in front of the Library.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 14, 2024 - 6:30 p.m. at Opendore.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betsy Donald, Acting Secretary