

Board of Trustees - Barbara Moscato Brown Public Library

December 5, 2022

In attendance - Mary Dixon, Lori Sullivan Nancy Zoschg, Stacie Brown, Nicki Abriatis, Lori Reed, JoAnn Fapore, Tony Moscato, and Yelena Kisler

Excused- Delany Rowan

The meeting was called to order by vice president, Mary Dixon. Mary turned the meeting over to Tony Moscato when he arrived.

Agenda-

The minutes of the October 2022 meeting were read and approved with a motion made by Lori Reed and seconded by Staci Brown. The October treasurer's report were read and approved with a motion made by Mary Dixon and seconded by Lori Reed.

The October librarian's report was given by Yelena Kisler. Noted was the popularity of Lego Club. Hats off to Board member, Lori Sullivan for leading this club. It was accepted with a motion by Staci Brown and seconded by Nancy Zoschg.

Librarian, Yelena Kisler, then gave her report. It was accepted with a motion made by Lori Reed and seconded by Lori Sullivan.

Highlights included:

\*Information and a rendering of the sign in memory of Anna English. The sign is being created by Sekula Signs of Dubois. The total cost is \$2,875 with \$1800 coming from the memorial sale in Anna's memory. The remaining cost will be paid by the Friends of the Library. Sekula will also hang the display in the children's area of the library.

\*A discussion was generated around the possibility of replacing all of the computers in the library. Various costs were given with different options in the listings. Possible sources of funding were also discussed. The entire process will continued with options also to be discussed.

\* Various programs are ongoing in the library. Cards for Troops, Book Gifting Tree, and ornament decorating are happening in December. Elf Story Time will also be held in conjunction with the Chamber.

\*Puzzle swaps will be held on the first Saturday of each month.

\*Two classes are upcoming January. A CEC affiliate educator will have information for senior citizens about social media and smart phone use. A second activity will see Steve Marconi returning to do another soil health program. Partial costs will be offset by the library.

\* The last Used Book Sale was held in conjunction with Christmas in the Wilds. Remaining books will be offered free prior to sending any leftover books to the Recycling Center.

In other discussions -

A video chat was held with District Librarian, Leslie LaBarte. She spoke of the Incentives Aid tied to state funding. The big discussion revolved around numbers required for certain levels of aid. According to Leslie, top funding would require 45 hours per week, with 7 hours on the weekend. Currently, the library hours are 36 per week and 6 on the weekend. This would total 42 for a week. There would be a fine for not meeting the criteria, or drop down to another level, but would also see funding reduced. This whole process is in discussion in the interim. Also discussed was the cost to increase the hours against taking a loss if those hours are not met.

The 2023 Budget was approved with a motion made to accept the changes with a motion made by JoAnn Fapore and seconded by Mary Dixon.

The 2023 calendar was set with the next meeting to be held on February 6 at 3:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by JoAnn Fapore and seconded by Nicki Abriatis.