

Haxton Memorial Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
September 8, 2021

PRESENT: Kim Gibson, Carol D'Alba, Denise Dimatteo, Jessica Baker, Dan Groth, Justin Staebell

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm

APPROVAL OF SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Motion by Denise Dimatteo with second by Dan Groth to approve August 19, 2021 minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: August month end report shows \$78,298.25 in checking. \$84,452.89 in savings. Motion by Justin Staebell with second by Jessica Baker to approve August report. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bills for September total \$4,009.49. Motion by Jessica Baker with second by Dan Groth to pay September bills. All in favor. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT: As submitted by Kim Gibson, Library Manager, and on file at the library office. The report highlights attendance for programs throughout the month and various meetings attended in support of the library.

OLD BUSINESS

- CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN POSITION: Carol D'Alba and Kim Gibson interviewed several candidates. Board approved the hire of Amy Joslyn based on their recommendation.
- FALL HOURS?: Keep Friday hours through September. Use Fall/Winter hours (open on Saturdays) from October – December. Revisit hours in January.
- NIOGA DINNER: Carol D'Alba and Kim Gibson attended the dinner.
- RECHARTER UPDATE: Letter sent to Tom Bindeman/Nioga with board's decision to move forward with rechartering. Carol D'Alba spoke with Kim Wolcott and will attend next town meeting to explain the rechartering process to them. Concern raised over tax money – would like to see it moved from the town budget to the school district budget. Also need to ask the town of Oakfield to restore the library budget in full for the 2022 year because their budget has also been restored. Should request to review the town budget line items to see if they match what was received by the library and to use for comparison of budgets.
- GO ART WORKSHOP: Kim Gibson and Jessica Baker will attend on September 18 from 10 am – noon. Workshop will cover information on available grants from Go Art.
- LIONS CLUB BENCH: Bench is ready to be built – just need to pick location and ask town for a concrete slab. Town has also repaired the crack in the sidewalk outside the library.

NEW BUSINESS

- **BOOK CLUB:** 9 ladies attended the most recent meeting. Next month's book is *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel.
- **COUNTY FUNDING:** Funding has decreased over the years. Libraries are being asked to sustain, not increase, their funding. Kim Gibson attended the county meeting and spoke about the 30% budget cut this year, COVID restrictions, and this past year's accomplishments.
- **MASKS:** Maintain current regulations and evaluate on a monthly basis.

NEXT MEETING: October 13 @ 6:30 pm.