

Philipsburg Library Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021

Meeting commenced in Closed session at 5:15 p.m. with Barbara Cahill; Billie Kulaski; and Kendra Kanduch; and Keith Baxter attending.

Meeting Called to order at 5:18 p.m. by Chairperson Barbara Cahill

Members Present: Barbara Cahill; Billie Kulaski; Keith Baxter; Kendra Kanduch; Gina Vale; and Leslie Casey attending.

Approval of Minutes: Kendra moved to approve the minutes from the October 2021 meeting and the motion was seconded by Billie. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report: Clerk, Dorene was not in attendance and everyone reviewed the report, noting that when Dorene is present the Board would like to clarify what "Supplies" is made up of. Gina also noted that she has been buying lots of books and doesn't see where they are showing up in the report. Billie motioned to accept the Clerk's Report. Kendra seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Librarian's Report:

November 5th there was plumbing issues and Aaron McPherson was at the Brewery and able to come over and remedy the issue. The Library had decided to get him \$100 gift certificate and purchase this out of the Friends of The Library Account.

Stephanie Burd moved to Boston and has donated her artwork to the Library. The Library can sell the artwork as they see fit.

Holiday closures: The Library will close early (5:00 p.m.) on Wednesday 11/24 and will be closed on Thanksgiving 11/25.

Grant for distance learning sites for behavioral health training for \$2200 for the Library to pay for a laptop and internet for one year (likely a hot spot) These items will be available to be checked out to patrons to use to take the free classes offered and the Library will advertise these classes to the community. The funds need to be used by August 2022. Gina is doing some more research.

Programs:

- **After-school** cooking class with Anita has been a success. The plan is to continue this program, there has been consistently 10 kids showing up and consistent, positive feedback. The after-school yoga class is the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, the Library has been promoting this class, the first one had low attendance but the second class had approximately 4 kids, which was perfect.
- **Michael Jochum:** Reading and book signing on October 27th with Michael Jochum, the drummer from the Ryan Chrys Band was a success, six people attended; he has written several books, he was also Animal in the Muppets.
- **Sip & Sew:** Sew Unique has hosted the first Sip and Sew program for community adults on Nov. 5th and are having another one on Nov. 19th (This is not a Library Program, they are just using our space).
- **Antique Roadshow:** Mike & Diana Young are planning to do an Antique Roadshow program at the Library (TBD for date).
- **The Art's Council:** The Art's Council is contemplating organizing another drink and draw type of program for community adults. Gina has advised them that we don't charge for events at the Library.
- **Senior Sit and Fit Class:** Gina spoke with a woman who is interested in possibly doing a Senior Sit and Fit Class.
- **D&D Games:** There have been several D&D Games happening at the Library; they have not determined a set time and day for this program. Someone would also like to start a Magic Game at the Library. These games can only happen during business hours.
- **Community Meetings:** The meeting space has been used for Community meetings including Boy Scouts and Birthday parties.

Friends Report:

Friend's Board had a meeting on November 12, 2021; Directors Barbara Cahill, Lorraine Dell-Bishop, Ruby Kikkert, Linda Ransford, and Colleen Hatcher (two vacant positions).

Friends account has \$41,296.69; Library portion \$24,544.39; expansion portion \$16,990.94

Silent Auction is set for Yule Night – December 10th – Purpose of the fundraiser is the Courtyard Remodel

A rendering will be done once there is more input from the community on what they would like the courtyard to look like / be used for, etc.; an article / ad will be put in the Philipsburg mail as well as on Facebook and Library website; and fliers will be posted around town.

Volunteers will stage donations on December 1st and 2nd in the main library area.

What is Gina doing for Yule night; the group discussed ideas and Gina will come up with something that won't interrupt the Silent Auction.

Chamber Report

The Chamber discussed the details of Yule Night, Chris Cooney will coordinate the parade.

The Friend of Philipsburg Award will go to Tiny Johnson, the family is being wounded up to receive the award at the Chamber Christmas get together.

The Jan 21-23 Hockey Tournament is booked, there will be 24 teams and there will be news coverage.

Old Business

Open Carry Gun Policy: It was discovered that the Library already has a policy on this matter, and no further action is necessary.

Silent Auction: This was discussed above.

Expiring Lease Agreements: The lease for the upstairs tenants is coming due in November, and Barbara reached out to see if the tenants planned to renew, but they may be leaving because the building where "Grassroots" operates has been sold. Therefore we may be advertising for this.

New Business

No new business

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 19th at 5:30

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.