

May Library Board Meeting

May 2, 2022

In attendance: PS, BL, MF, DM, NV, JR, RG, BH, TV

Call to order 6.09 pm

-Approval of March minutes: *PS, 2nd JR; passed unanimously*

-Approval of April minutes: *PS, 2nd JR; passed unanimously*

Treasurer's Report *motion to accept: RG, 2nd JR; passed unanimously*

- \$250,000 Sachs family gift was deposited

- April was expensive month for NY SCLS [Overdrive] and health insurance expenditures

- Discussion of CD: from 2 year to 6 months

– currently \$470,000 sitting in bank passively

- investment ideas and library policy of safety vs risk esp. in relation to stock market

Voted on to change to 6 month; DM motions, 2nd by NV, passes unanimously

- policy committee will be consulted as to current policy and best practices of FML

- on, or right after, date, bank will be visited to roll investment over

- \$11,000 credit from Canopy may be used to offset expense owed to SCLS later in the year...will be reviewed by TV

Public Comment ∅

Communications

- Patron Michelle Buckley reports on 'health of library' and gives A+ grade [unsolicited and non-civic]

Director's Report

- Adds that year-to-date visitor numbers up 15%!

- repair café was a roaring success! Will schedule a second soon

- hot beverage cart on second floor also popular

- computer age discussion

- teen room numbers decreasing...may be because the teen patrons go straight to garden now that weather is fine...will see about counting those numbers

Committee Reports

Budget & Finance ∅

Building

Brief assessment was done by JR and BH

- some repairs needed, but are overall more cosmetic than urgent

- original entrance on First St needs serious attention

Grounds & Garden

- TV and NV walked the grounds
- ramp to garden on west side needs improvements
- various outdoor sites need attention
- tree for FML employee Jean memorial ideas

Policy Ø

Personnel

- clerical staff job offer out (temporary and seasonal)

Unfinished Business

- Estate of A.B.: waiting on final payment
- Estate of L. and J. Sachs- payment received and deposited
- TrafSys door counter discussed

◆Library Strategic Plan◆

- committees formed:
[TV, BH] DM, NV, BL, RG

New Business

- terms for trustees need to be elucidated (2–5-year terms)
- Annual meeting June 6th
- committee to draw up slate for board nominations for committees
- scholarship for graduating students
 - FML Friends will underwrite

Executive Session 7:56 pm

Motion to adjourn 9:01 pm, passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted, Miriam Foster