

February 7th, 2022, Meeting

In attendance: NV, BL, RG, PS, BH, MF, *virtual* DM.... also, TV and Friends Pres TB

Call to order 6:07

New Business

Friends President Dr. Thomas Byrne presents:

- brought in \$240 bilingual books!
- looking into buying outdoor furniture for the garden...needs to be ADA friendly, as indeed the garden itself will have to be update to such
- museum passes will be available for local and LI institutions
 - NYC museums are too expensive, and may not be used enough for cost
- long term plans include community travel tours
- putting on May Art show, with opening night party and refreshments

January minutes approved- *moved by PS 2nd by NV*

Treasurer's Report

- School monies now available!
- \$35,000 investment account, if untouched by June, will be re-invested
- doing very well now our accounts are fulfilled
- TV has tight rein on spending (still as low as 70% of pre-issue levels)
 - now? Perhaps a return to normal spending?
 - most spending is on book purchasing
 - and now programming can come raging back in!
- Patrons were quiet about austerity budgeting
- an erroneous \$90 bank fee will be refunded
- similarly, and ADP fee will be lowered and going forward, paychecks will be issued by ADP with even better discount to FML than before with ex-rep
- Penworthy is an expensive children's book publisher
- \$1000 can turn into about 22 books library-wide
- Precision Micro Products is a company that maintains our copier and fax machine

Motion to approve RG, 2nd NV

Public Comment \emptyset

Communications

-Estate of Ann Bleich has sent a particle bequest of \$27,960...second half will be issued at amount of \$27,960 soon

-NYS DOT sent letter concerning the new Operational Safety Enhancement program that will directly affect the Town in Greenport: the intersection of RT 48 and RT 25 will have major road improvement expected to begin in Spring of 2024. Will be incredibly disruptive but may eventually be improvement to dangerous conditions (remains to be seen)

-Joan Dinizio has sent an email regarding termination of employment. This email was sent to an irregular email account, so although dated Dec of 2021, is only coming into this

month's minutes as it was only just found. Email stresses community response of petition against FML decision, it points to the myriad comments of former teen library users

Director's Report

- New IT specialist Ian Fleury hired. He will provide level 2 tech support i.e., with hardware and software, the internet, AV etc.

- FML will still also contract outside specialist who can provide other types of IT support

- new server may be soon needed; ours is already over 15 years old

- Tech Tuesdays, Maker Space; IF will work closely with Matt in adult services to aid patrons there

- FML will soon be a provider of services with the FCC Affordable Connectivity Program; it was formerly known as Emergency Broadband Benefit (a Federal program)

- this will help many of our patrons who struggle with connectivity issues at home, including affording access to internet; TV will be trained as 'navigator'

- Potential to connect with Greenport/Southold school Robotics team!

Committee Reports

Budget/Finance

- met to go over future budget; looks good and almost ready

- sticking point is salaries

- FML pays about about 60% of its budget to salaries; right in line with other libraries in the area (as low as 59%, as high as 73%)

- inflation vs. raises is contemporary issue

- staff is well compensated in relation to other area libraries, librarians not as well

- \$ is available to improve this discrepancy

- Public budget hearing will be at March meeting (3/7)

- in fact, association library salaries are not legally bound to be made public

Building

- Handicap door opener is being held hostage by Barrier Free Access Systems maintenance team who are not returning calls or emails and have in their possession a crucial part of the machinery

- obviously a very urgent issue. TV will use all means necessary to return part; may need to use another company to remedy and then use a legal avenue to retrieve property

Grounds & Garden

- Asleep! Shhhh!

Policy

- working on policy for Zoom access to public meetings

- like other local institutions, perhaps we can offer Zoom video for patrons who are unwilling or unable to attend in person. May have to be only viewed, and then opened especially for comment...will do research to how others achieve this

Personnel now only Gabriel and Mulvaney

Old Business

- estate of Ann Bleich- figured!

-estate of Doris Schimatz- waiting!

New Business, cont.

-Institute a liaison to Friends meeting, DM has volunteered

Library Strategic Plan

-NV presents an extremely well researched example of one

-going forward, SP will be discussed at each meeting and may include both committee and breakout sessions

Executive Session called at 7:52, ended at 8:17

Meeting adjourned at 8:17, unanimous agreement