March Library Trustees Meeting
March 7, 2022
Call to order 6:07  In attendance- JR, PS, RG, BL, MF, NV, BH, TV joining by phone DM

Approval of February Minutes unanimous motioned by PS 2nd by NV

Treasurer’s Report
- “Good month”
- Estate of DS came in- $23,000
- 1st half AB estate in check form came in
  -neither investment nor operating account shows money in yet
- next month money will move to operating account to make even & pay bills
- SCLS got a big check for ebooks, audiobooks
  -an upfronted debit is issued to pay for usage per patron
  -e- and audiobooks usage topped 3,369!
  -each use costs ≈$11!!!! which the board agreed seems steep
  -TV will ask around to other institutions to see why and what etc
-All bills were able to be paid; the expenditures of this month were low
Motion to accept report, RG 2nd JR 100% passed

Public Comment Ø

Communications
-praise for TV as Director by patron Michelle Buckley by letter dated 2-17-22

PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET ’22-’23
Necessary information
-2% raise on taxes (≈$4 increase/household) on average
-’22 budget raised 2% to $1,163,619.00
-includes wage and salary raises for staff and still retains small cushion
-5% to newly titled staff
-new teen specialist gets 2% and stipend for titles
-Raises usually start in July, this year could it be April?
  Voted on a passed unanimously
-Cost of living is increasing
Motion to accept proposed budget PS, 2nd JR passed 100%

Director’s Report
-Increases for programming across board, although the patronage slows down as
February is typically quiet
-Peconic Landing will begin to offer tech support for residents- greatly needed!
  -IT Ian and Adult Services Matt will aid this venture
-Peconic Landing will teach twice weekly (one here at FML and one at PL) and PL will pay for this programming
New program Teens Teach Tech will match young patrons with older patrons who need tech help in library….begins 3/21
- Drawing School Art show opening on 3/18 at 6pm

Committee Reports

Budget & Finance
- multiple meetings to hash out future budgets
- physical audiobooks & CDs are going to be culled and no longer ordered

Building
- community room painted before art show; it looks great!
- this Barrier Free Access Services may no any longer exist! TV spoke to investigator who passed on bad news
- Reliable Door Corp will step in to do replacement and continue with maintenance for $2,800

Grounds & Garden
- Sleeping
- soon to be cleaned up for Spring

Policy
- meeting soon to discuss policy agenda
- Zoom policy being researched
- board email discussed

Personnel Ø

Unfinished Business
- Estates being settled! DB check received and deposited; AB awaiting final payment!

STRATEGIC PLAN
To do:
- TV will look to other institutions to categorize and synthesis their SPs to overlap and influence FML’s
- October is when skeleton needs to be fleshed out (hehehe) of basic plan or solid start
- Working committee to be filled with a mix of local people- trustees, library Friends, community leaders and members and services, staff, etc. Will put call out in newsletter and will broaden search for volunteers
- perhaps around 10 members total?

New Business
- Holiday calendar needs clarifying in Policy
  - specifically Sunday-falling Holidays and their Monday closings
  - This Easter Sunday will also share a close with its Monday, but then the policy will be made much more clear to prevent this in future

Executive Session
Called at 7:43, ended at 8:13
Motion to adjourn NV passed 100% meeting closed 8:16