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 Ø

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 Ø

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