

PAWLING FREE LIBRARY
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Meeting
July 19, 2021

Attendees: Amy Emke, Stephanie McLaughlin, Susan Stone, Karen Franco, Heather Fidler, Megan Burlington, Virginia West, Wanda Rusiecki, and Brian Avery (Director)

Absent: Nick Robertshaw, David Potter

Call to order: A special meeting of the Board was called to order at 6:30.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider whether the Library should apply for the Learn Play Create grant from Dutchess County, which opened on June 30.

The following points were discussed:

- The Learn Play Create grant provides up to \$50,000 in COVID-relief funds to libraries for projects which “address an educational, financial, social, and/or emotional void experienced by youth as a result of the quarantine and stay-at-home orders necessitated by COVID-19.”
- The Buildings & Grounds Committee recommends that the Library apply for this grant and use the money toward partial funding of construction of the new Children’s Wing (also known as the Kid’s Corner).
- Because any funds received from this grant must be expended within one year, this might necessitate moving up the timeline on construction.

A motion was made to apply for the Learn Play Create grant for construction costs for the new Children’s Wing, by Amy, 2nd by Stephanie. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn by Amy, 2nd by Wanda. Meeting adjourned at 6:50.

Respectfully submitted by: Karen Franco, Secretary

Next scheduled meeting is August 12, 2021 @ 6:45 p.m.