**PAWLING FREE LIBRARY**

**Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**February 9, 2023**

**Attendees:** Amy Emke, Karen Franco, Heather Fidler, Megan Burlington, Wanda Rusiecki, David Potter, Katy Fritts, Trinity Boscardin, Pat Duffy, and Chris Fisher (Director)

**Absent:** Stephanie McLaughlin

**Guests:** Ed Hauser, Mary Ellen Ros

**Call to order:** Meeting was called to orderat 6:47.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**: Motion to approve by Amy, 2nd by Megan. All in favor.

**Director’s Report:**A copy of the report was provided to all trustees and was posted on the Library website. Items discussed were:

* Reading Lovers Challenge. Everyone is encouraged to sign up for the year-long Reading Lovers Challenge. Participants will read 14 books based on 40 prompts.
* Passport Service. Motion by Amy, 2nd by Wanda, for Pawling Library to apply to become a Passport Acceptance Office. All in favor.

Motion to approve the director’s report by Amy, 2nd by Trinity. All in favor.

**Treasurer’s Report:** A copy of the report was provided to all trustees and will be posted on the Library website. Move to file.

**New Business:**

1. Buildings & Grounds Committee Update. Ed Hauser, project manager on the Library’s construction projects, reported that this is the one-year anniversary of applying for the building permits from the Village for the ADA-compliant restrooms and the Children’s Wing. Because of the extreme delay, we are hiring the architectural firm Liscum McCormack VanVoorhis of Poughkeepsie to complete the building permit process.
2. Public Relations Committee Update.
   * An article about our new director has appeared in Pawling Living magazine.
   * The Public Relations Committee will work on providing updates to the public re status of the construction projects.
3. Book Sale Committee Update.
   * The main room of Lathop Hall has been secured for the annual book sale. The cost for the space is $125/day, or $1375 for the 11 days, May 11-21. The check has been sent to Pawling Recreation.
   * Set up of the sale will be Thursday and Friday, May 11-12. The sale will be open two weekends, May 13-14 and May 20-21, with a bag sale on the last day.
   * Breakdown of the sale will be Sunday, May 21, 3-5 p.m.
   * The first Second Saturday pop-up book sale on Charles Colman Blvd. is planned for June 10, weather permitting.
4. Board Business
   * Love Your Library Month. A cookie platter has been ordered for the staff, and Pawling Library jackets are being ordered for new staff members.
   * New Trustee. Pawling resident Mary Ellen Ros has been nominated to join the Library Board. She worked hard on the Centennial Committee and has extensive experience in fundraising and grant writing. Motion by Amy to appoint Mary Ellen Ros as a trustee, 2nd by Megan. All in favor.
   * MHLS Board Invite. Amy will write to MHLS inviting them to attend our monthly Board meeting in either March or April.

Motion to adjourn by Amy, 2nd by Wanda. Meeting adjourned at 8:05.

Respectfully submitted by:  Karen Franco, Secretary

**Next Meeting March 9, 2023 @ 6:45 p.m.**