**PAWLING FREE LIBRARY**

**Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**March 9, 2023**

**Attendees:** Amy Emke, Karen Franco, Heather Fidler, Megan Burlington, Wanda Rusiecki, Trinity Boscardin, Pat Duffy, Mary Ellen Ros, and Chris Fisher (Director)

**Absent:** David Potter; Stephanie McLaughlin; Katy Fritts

**Guest:** Ed Hauser

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

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**: Motion to approve by Amy & 2nd by Wanda. 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:

* Annual Report. Motion by Amy to accept the Annual Report, 2nd by Mary Ellen. All in favor.
* Grants. Chris is submitting grant proposals to FINRA for a Financial Literacy Workshop, and to Pawling Community Foundation for financing installation of a push-button door opener for the library’s main door.
* Hudson Valley Gives. In 2023, HV Gives Day is on May 17. Chris feels that our participation via GiveGab, a non-profit giving platform, would provide an opportunity to gain donations for the library.

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

**Treasurer’s Report:** Trinity reported that expenditures to date are on track.A copy of the report was provided to all trustees and was posted on the Library website. Move to file.

**New Business:**

1. Buildings & Grounds Committee Update. Ed Hauser reported that the latest goal is to have the building permits for the new restrooms and the Children’s Wing ready by the end of March.
2. Book Sale Committee Update.
	* Publicity. Bookmarks listing book sale hours have been printed and will be handed out to library patrons. Information about the book sale has been submitted to appear in the May issue of *Pawling Living*. Chris put book sale information in this month’s Library newsletter. Stephanie is posting our usual booksalefinder.com ad online.
	* On April 22, there will be an Earth Day plant exchange & book sale (gardening & nature books) on two tables in front of the library. Donald Partelow is organizing this event. The Book Sale Committee will provide the books.
3. Board Business.
	* Amy will invite Mid-Hudson staff to visit our April board meeting.
4. Fundraising.
	* Pat led a discussion of possible swag. PFL canvas totes, donation stickers, Lola figures, and PFL t-shirts were some of the suggestions.
	* Mary Ellen suggested creating a short text explaining how the library is funded and why we need to do fundraising. Also signage could be used when a program or event has been funded or partially funded by donations.

**Public Comment:** No comments.

Motion to adjourn by Amy, 2nd by Wanda. Meeting adjourned at 7:57.

Respectfully submitted by: Karen Franco, Secretary

**Next Meeting April 13, 2023 @ 6:45 p.m.**