

Minutes of the July 26, 2022 RFRR Board meeting

Kathleen Riegelhaupt called the meeting to order at 7:33. No one from the public was in attendance.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda included the June 2022 meeting minutes and the June 2022 financial statements. Nicole moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Matt seconded. All approved.

President's Report

Kathleen had no report.

Staff Reports

Director's Report

Chris reported that new shelving had been installed in the children's room which adds greater display space. \$40,000 of the money allocated for new/replacement children's books has been spent. There was a discussion of the core collection for the children's room and possible ways to use the idea to increase donations. Chris has met with the new director of the Y to build a relationship and discuss parking issues. Chris is investigating the PLA benchmarking database as a way to assist in developing planning goals. Responding to a question Chris noted that Rye TV is now split between the library (equipment etc.) and the Arts Center (studios etc.) Chris reported that the statistics for the second quarter showed growth all across the library. Circulation is up as is attendance. There have been fewer reference questions but that can be linked to staffing with several people being out because of COVID.

Adult/Teen/Children's Services

Catherine reported that the enrollment in the summer reading program is good. There are 43 adults enrolled. The library hosts 10 Rye Rec seniors programs and 3 Y programs each week.

There are 152 children enrolled in the reading program. Elizabeth Emory, the new children's librarian, is happy to be here.

Auxiliary Board

Grace reported that Novel Night is sold out with 45 couples on the waiting list. There is a limit to the number that can attend because of the size of the after party venue. They are still looking for large ticket items for the silent auction.

Architect/Space Planner

Chris gave an update on the progress on phase two. Skolnick was at the library last week surveying spaces both inside and out. Six core samples will be taken to determine whether the foundation can withstand the hydrostatic pressure from the project. Three outside spots will require City approval since they are not on library property. Their report is expected in early October. Chris reported on some possible sources of funding that he is researching: the NYS bond relating to flooding solutions and FEMA programs. There was a discussion about what to do in the meantime when a possible flooding event might occur. Current planning involves leaving the bottom shelves in the children's room empty and lifting the books off the lower shelves when heavy rains are forecast. The community should be made aware of the dire nature of the situation and the need for a long-term solution.

Annual Campaign

Megan reported that a letter will go out to all Rye PO at the end of September. The committee has been discussing planned giving and monthly giving options. This year's goal is \$230,000. Currently \$111,000 has been raised..

Nominating

No report.

Mission Moments

Chris encouraged participation in the summer reading program. Annabel Monaghan will discuss all things books with Linda Cohen Loigman in September. Donations for the book sale will be accepted starting September 10. More folding tables are needed for the book sale.

There being no new business, Kathleen called for a motion to adjourn. Nicole so moved. Matt seconded. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23.

Action: The Board approve the July 2022 meeting minutes
