

## **Minutes of the March 28, 2023 RFRR Board Meeting**

Kirstin Bucci called the meeting to order at 7:35. No members of the public were in attendance.

### Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda included the January 24, 2023 meeting minutes and the January 2023 and February 2023 financials. Jen moved to approve the consent agenda. Matt seconded. All approved.

### President's Report

Kirstin reported that Katie Vernace has agreed to be the new treasurer. Kathleen moved to approve her selection. Matt seconded. All approved. She then turned to Maria to provide an update on the library's bank accounts. Maria reported that the library had moved any assets over the FDIC insured amount out of First Republic Bank to the library's Fidelity accounts. The finance committee will be meeting early in April. She also reported that the library had received the employee retention tax credit funds and that the transfer to the capital fund discussed at the last meeting had been made.

### Staff Reports

#### Director's Report

Chris reported that the National Library Week appeal had been sent out. The theme is "There's more to the story". He has met with the City Manager and the Y about the parking issue. There is a public hearing scheduled for April 12 regarding the city's proposal to change the parking time limit in the lot by the library to 1 hour. The excavation work has been completed. The report is due in a week or so. Chris has met with the Rye Garden Club about landscaping. Chris reported that Lisa Olney is the new librarian at the Osborn.

#### Adult Services

Catherine reported that 45 people attended the Five Towns: One Book program. There are nearly 10 in-house book clubs and many others in town as well using the library.

#### Teen Services

Catherine reported that over 70 people attended the virtual teen job search skills event. Sara has been expanding the graphic novel collection.

### Children's Services

Catherine reported that the "off the shelf" recommendations will be going up weekly from now on since they are so popular. A time travelers' book club has been formed for grade 3 through 5. Their first selection was [Lifeboat 12](#). The summer reading program is being organized. New books are still being ordered to restore the collection after the flood damage.

Chris presented the 2022 NYS Annual Report. Matt moved to accept the report. Jan seconded. All approved.

### Auxiliary Board

Georgia reported that 10 new members have joined the board. The new orientation program for new members was very well received. The Vehicle Fair is scheduled for May 21. All the trucks and activities have been lined up. The entry fee has been increased to \$30.00 per child or \$70.00 per family with 3 or more kids. The goal is to raise \$20,000.

Diane reported on the Casino Night fundraiser that is scheduled for November 4. The theme is "Vintage Vegas". It is hoped to have 300 attendees. The idea for a kid's book brunch has been tabled for this year.

### Study Room Use Policy

Chris presented the new proposed study room use policy. The policy is needed because there has been a problem with people using the rooms for long extended periods. There will be a reservation system. Lina moved to approve the policy. Jackie seconded. All approved.

### Building Issues

#### Temporary Flood Solution

Kirstin presented the temporary flood solution plan. The plan calls for relocating the children's room to the teen space and mezzanine area and moving the teen area to the lower level. The children's discovery area would remain on the lower level. This plan is a way to protect the collection from flood damage and take some stress off the staff. It also would be a test of the proposal by Skolnick to have the children's room on the first floor and mezzanine. Jan moved to approve the temporary flood solution plan. Jen seconded. All approved.

Chris presented the plan to repair railing on the widow's walk using 4x4 posts.

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