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## Minutes of the November 16, 2021 RFRR Board meeting

Kathleen Riegelhaupt called the meeting to order at 7:35. No one from the public was in attendance.

### Consent Agenda

Kathleen pulled the October financials out for discussion. The consent agenda contains the minutes of the October 2021 meeting. Sara moved to approve the consent agenda and Jan seconded. All approved.

### President's Report

Kathleen thanked Chris for hosting the spelling bee this past week. The library met with the city for its annual budget meeting at 5:30 this afternoon. The library requested a 1.5% increase from the city. Kathleen commented that the entire budget was put through. The city acknowledged that the library was taking on a portion of Rye TV.

### Director's Reports

Chris reported that the library was closed on November 12 so that the staff could relocate the children's materials to the children's room. The shelves are sparse because of the lost books. Many thanks to the staff for all the hard work. Ordering for children's materials has been resumed. Frances asked about insurance coverage for the flood damage. Chris reported that claims have been filed. There is no coverage for the books, only structural material such as drywall, boiler and sewage. Repair costs were about \$135,000. About \$35,000 of which was uncovered by insurance. The estimate on the loss of the children's book collection is \$75,000. The total of these two (\$110,000) will come out of general funds. Chris pointed out that restoring the children's collection is a good rallying cry for donors. The PTOs have offered to include the library's need in their book fairs. Chris has approached several family foundations for support for restoring the library after the flood damage. Antonelli, the landscaper, donated a landscaping update and clean up.

### Staff Reports

#### Adult Services

Catherine reported that deliveries have resumed from Baker & Taylor. There is an issue with adult programming. People are still concerned about in person programming and, therefore, want zoom programming. There is some zoom fatigue, however, and attendance at these programs is down. In the new year there will be a "Cook it Together" program on zoom during which the participants will also be cooking. The large print and mystery collections are being weeded. Our discards are sent to Better World Books.

#### Teen Services

The teens have their space back and they are returning to the library.

#### Children's Services

The children's room has been rearranged to provide better sight lines and allow for programming in the room. Marilyn Castello will be presenting a bi-lingual music program. Orders have resumed for children's materials including many series books.

#### Financials

Ted reported that our expenses were higher because of building repair. On the personnel side they were lower. Revenue has had a great start with a good response to the annual campaign. The endowment return is up 11%. According to Chris we will hear from the city in December about our budget request. Frances moved to accept the October financials. Sara seconded. All approved.

#### Auxiliary Board

Grace reported that the date for Novel Night 2022 has been changed to October 15. The previous planned date was the same as the Osborn Scare Fair. The location for the after party has also been changed to Mamaroneck Beach & Yacht Club. This turns out to be a savings because of lower rental and per head fees. This earlier date may also permit hosts to hold their parties outdoors. Frances asked about ever having a tent on the village green for the after party. There was concern about liability

#### Development Committee

The campaign is ten donors ahead of last year at this time. Gifts are averaging \$100 more per gift than last year. The next mailer will go out in mid December.

#### Nominating Committee

Emilie proposed the name of one more candidate. Bios of all the candidates were passed out. A description of the role of a library trustee has been prepared. Sara moved that the slate of nominees be approved. Ted seconded. All approved. Emilie now will formally approach the four nominees and Chris will have coffee with each of them in the coming weeks.

#### Policy Review

There will be a report at the December meeting. Sara commented that the three policies under review had clearly been written at different times and should be made more cohesive.

#### Mission Moments

Kathleen suggested that the annual campaign should emphasize that the children's collection was not covered by insurance. It should also be mentioned that we are looking at architectural firms

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to make some major improvements in the children's room. Upcoming events include an archaeological presentation about ivory from shipwrecks and the food historian about cookies.

There being no new business, Sara moved to adjourn the meeting. Emilie seconded. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

**Action: The Board approve the November 2021 meeting minutes**