

## **Minutes of the October 25, 2022 RFRR Board meeting**

Kathleen Riegelhaupt called the meeting to order at 7:34. No one from the public was in attendance.

### Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda included the September 2022 meeting minutes, the September 2022 financial statements, and two new members of the Auxiliary Board (Melissa Giovinazzo and Samantha Nagelberg). Jan moved to accept the consent agenda. Matt seconded. All approved.

### President's Report

Kathleen congratulated and thanked the Auxiliary Board for a very successful Novel Night.

### Staff Reports

#### Director's Report

Chris reported that there were no third quarter statistics due to software problems at WLS. He did note that door count was flat but program attendance and reference numbers were slightly up. A new design for the newsletter is being planned. It will be full color and highlight four to six programs and events.

### Adult Services

Catherine reported that the "Off the Shelf" book suggestions have been very popular. Patrons also appreciate the book picks and multiple copies of new titles. Paul Rhiengold's lecture on the origins of Rye street names was well attended.

### Teen Services

The Halloween library lock-in party was very popular. The board game circulation is increasing. The collection has been moved into the main area for greater visibility.

### Children's Services

The library is continuing to reach out to the third through fifth grade children. The attendance at the Mock Newbery club doubled. On November 5 the library will be partnering with the Rye Garden Club and The Snackery for the Fall Festival. Bulbs and



copies of The Secret Garden will be given away. There will be snacks and cupcakes to decorate.  
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#### Auxiliary Board

Lina reported that Novel Night was a great success. It netted approximately \$157,000, which is \$30,000 more than the previous Novel Night. The auction and wine raffle were very successful. The journal, however, did not meet its goal because the interest in print ads by businesses was lower. The board is working on ideas for a fundraiser for next year. Kathleen thanked the Auxiliary Board and the co-chairs of the event on behalf of the library board.

#### Annual Campaign

Jen reported that \$138,000 had been raised from 188 households so far. There have been 21 new donors. The second mailing will go out in December.

#### Architect

Chris reported that the external borings had been taken. The analysis takes about two weeks. He expects a report in November.

#### Policy Review

Jen reported that the committee had met three times. Suggested changes to the by-laws will be presented at the next meeting. The collections and card holder policies are the next to be reviewed.

#### Strategic Planning

Kathleen reported that the committee had met and would be reporting at the next meeting.

#### Nominating

Emilie reported that Michael Karmilowicz has resigned from the board of trustees effective as of October 24.

#### Budget Process

Chris reported that the city budget hearing is coming up in November. This is when the library presents its case for the budget request. He asked that trustees attend the meeting as a show of support.

#### Mission Moments

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Kathleen pointed out several upcoming events. Read in Rye will have Parker Lee discussing his new book. The spelling bee will take place on Veterans Day. Mock job interviews for teens will be held on November 15.

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There being no further business, Kathleen called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Matt so moved and Shelley seconded. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09.

**Action: The Board approve the October 2022 meeting minutes**