

Meeting Minutes of the Peru Free Library Board of Trustees  
February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 (Postponed from February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022)  
Videoconference Meeting

Attendees: Patrick Andrews, Terri Cioppa, Rocky Divoll, Sandy Divoll, Diane Haight, Marque Moffett, Tracy Orkin, Becky Pace, Sara Richman.

Absent: Parker O'Mara

Guest: Mel Irwin, Town of Peru Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by President Marque. The agenda was approved with a motion by Pat and seconded by Rocky. The minutes of the Annual Meeting were approved with a motion by Sara and seconded by Sandy. The Minutes of the January meeting were approved with a motion by Sandy and seconded by Pat.

Director's Report—Becky is currently working on the Annual Report for the State and probably will be done in one week. A button to make contributions by Pay Pal is going to be added to the Library website. Tracy asked if a credit card donation button could also be added to the website. Becky was going to pursue that idea. Marque asked if putting a Pay Pal button could also be added to the Library Facebook page.

The lobby pickup for requested books is still very busy and will be continued at this time.

CEFLS has available through their website a "Library of Things" that can be requested. These are physical items available to patrons who don't want to purchase an item but would like to use that item for a period of time. There is a large variety in this "Library" including virtual reality headsets.

CEFLS received a grant from the Lake Placid Education Foundation which will be divided among the 30 libraries in the local area. The grant funds are to be used to purchase print materials, i.e. books.

The first payment for the Library from the Town of Peru has been received (\$40,000).

President's Report—Marque thanked the Board members for signing the thank you cards and donating to the gift cards for the Library volunteers. Gift cards from Rulfs Orchard each \$25 were purchased for Nicki LaPlante, T'Chaka Sikelianos and Linda Jones. A \$25 gift card for Yarrow Square was purchased for Maria Zurlo. A \$50 gift card for Ausable Chasm was purchased for Steve Collier and his family.

Nicki LaPlante suggested the Library solicit high school students interested in landscape work to volunteer at the Library to spruce up the outside gardens from spring to fall. Since different organizations in the school require volunteer hours, there could be student available for about 2 hours per month.

Marque suggested the Library have a celebratory gathering in June for the Board members, the volunteers and the Town Board liaisons. A date will be decided at the May meeting.

At the January meeting Marque reported on a grant that could be available for funding the community assessment to be done by the Library. Since time was limited to apply, the grant application was not completed for this year but can hopefully be done for next year.

Marque suggested that Board members view the “Community Art Project” from the Library on FaceBook and the Library website.

Treasurer’s Report—The balances in the accounts are checking—\$3,599.28, savings--\$970.30 and money market--\$58,424.33.

Building/Maintenance Report—In the next weeks the branches of the tree beside the Library will be trimmed.

Subcommittee Status Reports:

Budget Committee: Parker’s name will be deleted from the committee list and Sara’s will be added.

Policy Committee: Tracy suggested that some of the policies need to be updated with changes made in the past year. The committee will meet to discuss the changes that need to be made.

Long Range Committee: Marque will be added to the list for this committee.

Fundraising Committee: No report.

Marque suggested that any Board member who would like to be involved with any of the committees, please let her know.

Old Business—No report.

New Business—No report.

Library Moment—Becky reported on the last page of a New York Times Review from last fall that had an article about “Bookmobiles”. In the article Plattsburgh Public Library is reported to have 2 bookmobiles in 1988. In the picture of the bookmobile there is a sign on the side indicating the “CEFLS Free Bookmobile”.

Sandy also reported that as a resident of New York state, any one can qualify for a New York City Library card to borrow from their Library. The website NYPL.org is for registering for the card.

The dates for the next two meetings are March 23<sup>rd</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup>.

At 7:56 pm a motion was made by Pat and seconded by Sara to enter Executive Session. The motion was passed.

At 9:14 pm a motion was made by Rocky and seconded by Tracy to exit Executive Session. The motion was passed.

A motion by Sandy and seconded by Pat was made at 9:15 pm to adjourn the meeting.