

Haines Borough Public Library
Approved Meeting Minutes
3/13/13

Present: Anne Marie Palmieri, Dick Flegel, James Alborough, JoAnn Ross-Cunningham, Stacy Gala, Meredith Pochart, Patty Brown
Excused: Cecily Stern, Lorrie Dudzik, Heather Lende

Call to Order: 4:06pm

Additions or Revisions to Agenda
Add Staffing under items for discussion.

Consent Agenda Items

The following items are consent items for final action to be taken on all by a single vote.

Any item may be removed for separate consideration if necessary.

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes 2/20/2013

Director's Report

M/S Alborough/Pochart to accept the agenda as revised. All approved.

Financial Report

Treasurer's Report for February (Dick)

Checking: \$21,452.01

Savings: \$14,202.46

CD: \$20,503.81

Everything reconciled through Feb.

Register was passed around for signatures.

Items for Discussions

OWL and legislative finance committee

Status of funding is still unclear as it is a line-item in the Governor's budget. The video conferencing unit is getting more and more use. Suggestion for the Board to rend a resolution to the Senate Finance Committee indicating support for OWL and Live Homework Help. Also need some media and web publicity about the OWL program. Patty will send board members some messaging and email addresses.

Department Unit – changes for library

Patty is discussing details of checking, savings and CDs with the Borough accounting department. Having our own checking is OK, but savings and CDs need to be dissolved. The Friends will receive those funds. It will need an assembly resolution.

Recommendation is to keep \$5000 in savings.

M/S Flegel/Alborough to keep \$5000 in savings and have the balance go to the Friends.

All approved.

Budget discussion updates

Patty submitted the budget to the Borough with a cover letter explaining the 2% increase in our request and all the activities we offer.

COW meeting is April 9 at 4:30pm. Some board members should plan on attending.

Public hearings will be in May.

Building updates

Patty has addressed our addition plan with Mark and Stephanie. They agree that we could proceed. Combining CIP funds to move forward on designs and plans was also approved. Patty has approval to move ahead with Carlos and MRV (using Larry's design as a starting point). The library addition is also on the legislative library construction list.

Board positions & policy consideration

JoAnn presented a policy amendment suggesting that we open the board to have seasonal seats. We'd have 9 voting members, but more actual board members. There is no prohibition in Borough code. Suggestion to designate two seats as seasonal seats (filled by 4 people) and 7 core seats. Policy committee to refine the wording (to be run by Julie Cozzi and then voted on next meeting).

National Library Week and Volunteer Dinner

April 14-20. Theme is "Communities Matter"

Volunteer dinner is April 19. Friends to provide the potatoes. Board to provide the fixings.

Staffing

Jessie Morgan hired as Education Coordinator.

Patty wants to promote 2 staff members.

M/S Gala/Ross-Cunningham to approve the promotion of Angie Papas and Rebecca Heaton. All approved.

Other

Radio

March 15 (Meredith), March 22 (Stacey), April 12 (Dick), April 19 (Heather)

Board Comments

Story Board: interest is growing and Meredith updated the board on collaboration with Jake Bell at CIA and potential involvement in the April 8th unveiling event. More info will be coming via email once details are finalized.

Friends will be tasked with straightening out the decoration storage.

Director's Comments

Next Meeting: April 17 at 4pm

Adjournment: 5:21pm

James Alborough
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