

POWERS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING

Meeting Minutes October 17, 2023

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| (19) Jackie Schnurr (JS) | Present | (22) Mary Owen (MO) | Present | (23) Jerry Germano-Yaw (JG) | Present |
| (19) Anna Krieger (AK) | Not Present | (22) Martyn Beeny (MB) | Present | (23) Jessica Hess (JH) | Present |
| (16) Bonnie Thomas (BT) | Present | | | | |
| | | Lori Cochran (LC) | Present | | |

October meeting of the POWERS LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES called to order at 6:31 PM by JS.

No further changes to revised agenda; September minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: None

Director's Report: LC Written report for September handed out (attached). County funds (\$3500) have arrived; \$500 came in from the Car Show on Labor Day weekend; JG – \$200 to come from Town of Sempronius; \$4000 in ARPA funds from Moravia – deadline to use: February. Story Hour & More kick off day with Dan the Snakeman was well attended; re-organizing downstairs to facilitate pop-up book sales; JH – NY Forward taking questions about projects. Energy audit in the library on 9/26 by NYSEG; library collecting donations for Great Give-back, and for Methodist Church's "Stockings for Soldiers;" JS Moravia Hope Pantry is also in need of monetary donations.

Business:

- *Budget discussion* JG Finance committee met with Colin Cahill; some figures are still missing at this time, but planning to have draft budget for November meeting.
- *Website and internet update* MO getting policies posted on website; other questions answered by FLLS; MO discussed setting goals for next year; MB asked about specific community members spearheading social media presence for library.
- *Any new board members?* MO passed around a Groton Library ad for board members from the Shopper – should we submit our own ad?
- *FLLS meeting* LC gave overview of business meeting; this year's speaker subject was materials challenges. Good points made to include in policies; explained the personal toll this can take on staff, and ways to empower and protect them. New trustee handbook coming out this fall.
- *Discussion of Endorsement of American Library Association Policies (with three attachments)*
 - *Library Bill of Rights; Freedom to Read Statement; Freedom to View Statement* MO sent out to board members; JS made motion to adopt all, seconded by JG; passed unanimously.
- *Open discussion* None

Next Meeting: November 21, 2023, 6:30 pm

Adjournment: 7:06 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Bonnie Thomas

Powers Library Director's Report
For
September 2023

Highlights for September:

- Meeting spaces were used by: CAP/Health Navigator, Knitter's Club, Garden Club, Tutors, and Patrons
- Saturday Library Hours resumed this month
- Planning for Stories & More begins October 14th-Kick off w/ Dan the Snakeman (Saturdays at 10:30am)
- Continuation of the reorganization of Library spaces project
- Boiler inspection conducted on September 6th, all is fine.
- Senior Moments Fair at the Fingerlakes Mall (Cayuga County libraries participated. Sept. 13th)
- Finance Committee met with Colin Cahill (accountant) Sept. 19th to start Library Budget
- Millard Fillmore Elem. School Open House September 21st.
- Energy audit on September 26th—no report yet
- Voucher sent for County Funds (\$3500.00) (Received 10/17/2023)
- Received \$500.00 donation from Fillmore Auto Show & Flea Market on 10/17/2023

Personnel:

- Nothing to report

Data:

- New patrons September 2023: 7 September 2022: 12
- Circulation: September 2023: 1412 items September 2022: 1510 items (eContent excluded)
- We continue to see an increase in usage of our computers in addition to our Wi-Fi
- Park passes and Kit passes for Sciencenter and Museum of Earth/CNC continued to increase in usage, our Home School population usually takes advantages of these items once public school begins. We are also seeing Grandparents get them when grandchildren are visiting or vice versa.

Grants:

- No updates from the NY Forward project.

Events/Upcoming Goals:

- Seek and apply for grants ongoing and Library Ask Letter
- Collections audit (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) continues
- Outreach to local homebound patrons
- October 13th Finger Lakes Library System Annual Meeting and Banquet
- October 14th Dan the Snakeman at 10:30am, Stories & More Kick off!
- The Great Give Back: collecting items for schools and food pantries. Begins October 16th – Nov. 13th
We will be collecting non-perishables, personal care and toiletries for the Moravia Hope Pantry. Also, Items for the Methodist Church- Items for the Stocking for Soldiers. Bins for collection are located by the Circulation Desk.