

## **Minutes of the December 17, 2024 RFRR Board Meeting**

Trustees: Kirstin Bucci, Lina Eroh, Katie Vernace, Jan Kelsey, Kathleen Riegelhaupt, Matt Anderson, Jackie Cohen, Nicole Cunningham, Jennifer McArdle, Megan Monaghan, Emilie Reddoch, Diane Martin.

Kirstin Bucci called the meeting to order at 7:37. Four members of the public were present.

### Consent Agenda

The consent agenda contained the minutes of the November 2024 board meeting and the November 2024 financial statement. Jen made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Jan seconded. All approved.

### President's Report

Kirstin reminded the Trustees about the trustee education requirement. She presented a trustee dashboard which outlined trustee attendance, education, and giving.

### Staff Reports

#### Director's Report

Chris reported that he had attended a WLS workshop about reimagining the reporting of library statistics. Mistletoe Magic had a very good turnout. Over 300 cocoa and crafts were handed out. The new building manager started work on December 1. Chris is working with the Rye Youth Council on developing empathic listening training for library staff, with an emphasis on directing people to appropriate resources rather than trying to provide the resources.

### Adult Services

Catherine reported that the staff is getting ready for the Holiday Open House. There will be crafts for adults and children. The Pies and Pages program this month involved cookies. The Monday evening cookbook club had a cookie swap. Emoji bookmarks indicating staff book picks will be reinstated. Catherine will be taking a webinar in January about social engagement programs for seniors.

### Teen Services

Catherine reported that there were 24 attendees for the gingerbread house lock-in. Sara is partnering with WLS on the teen resume writing workshop.

### Children's Services

Catherine reported that the library cooperated with the Bird House on a Saturday storytime.

A new employee has been hired to work 3 afternoons a week in the Discovery Zone. There are lots of programs scheduled for the school break. A brochure describing them is in the library.

### Auxiliary Board

Diane reported that the board had elected two new co-presidents: Meredythe Ryan and Bettina Scott Funk. Katie moved that the board approve the new Auxiliary Board co-presidents. Jan seconded. All approved.

Diane reported that co-chairs for 2025 casino night have been chosen. The Auxiliary Board also approved some new furniture for the children's and teen rooms.

### Development

Lina reported that so far the Annual Campaign has reached \$306,000. The goal was \$250,000. There were 154 new donors. She reminded the trustees to support the library with a donation.

### Buildings and Grounds

Chris reported that he, Lina, and Katie had a productive meeting with Shelley Mayer. Chris and Steve connected at Mistletoe Magic and Steve indicated he was waiting on some additional information from the City of Rye and the Rye YMCA.

### Heritage

Jan reported that the 2025 Mayor's Award recipient will be Robin Jovanovich for her work with the Rye Record since 1997. Nicole moved to approve the selection of Robin Jovanovich as the Mayor's Award recipient. Matt seconded. All approved.

### Strategic Planning

Nicole reported on the Community Needs Survey. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Children's programming was very popular. There was interest in more such programs and additional adult and intergenerational programming. It was determined that the survey was too long since a number of people started it but did not finish. The next survey will have fewer questions.

#### Mission Moments

Chris reported that a new writer's workshop will meet twice a month. The New Blue of Yale will be performing in January.

There being no further business, Kirstin called for a motion to adjourn. Kathleen so moved. Jan seconded. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13.

**Action : The Board approve the December meeting minutes**