



Minutes of the March 19, 2024 RFRR Board Meeting

In attendance: Kirstin Bucci, Lina Eroh, Katie Vernace, Jan Kelsey, Kathleen Riegelhaupt, Matt Anderson, Jackie Cohen, Nicole Cunningham, Jennifer McArdle, Jill MacVicar, Megan Monaghan, Lizzie Parks, Emilie Reddoch, Diane Martin

Staff : Chris Shoemaker, Catherine Riedel

Kirstin Bucci called the meeting to order at 7:33. No one from the public was in attendance.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda includes the January 23, 2024 meeting minutes, the January 2024 financial statements and the February 2024 financial statements. Jan moved that the consent agenda be approved. Kathleen seconded. All approved.

President's Report

Kirstin reminded all trustees to complete their trustee education requirement. There are pre recorded videos and webinars available from New York State and the Mid-Hudson Library System as well as several upcoming new webinars.

Staff Reports

Director's Report

Chris passed around lists of donors for thank you notes to be written by trustees to coincide with National Library Month in April. He reported on an upcoming collaboration with the Bird Homestead on children's literature which will recognize Doris Bird, longtime children's librarian at RFRR on May 16. The staff was trained on an AED device for hands-only CPR. New name tags have been created for the staff. The library now has the New York Times available digitally both on site and through off site login.

Adult Services

Catherine reported on the very successful "Pies & Pages" program held in collaboration with Noble Pies. The library is looking to do more programming with local businesses. A new group, the Compassion Circle, has been meeting at the library.

Teen Services

Catherine reported that there is currently an art exhibit in the teen gallery. The Paint & Sip lock-in has been very popular. A karaoke night is planned for May.

Children Services

Catherine reported that the February school break programs were very well attended. A new program, Mindfulness Monday, has been started. Two very successful school visits: first graders from RCDS and four classes from Rye Playschool. The staff cleans the Discovery Zone at the end of the day. There has already been some breakage of toys. Staff is monitoring the space for any potential hazards that need to be removed.

Auxiliary Board

Diane reported that the Vehicle Fair is all set for May. We are seven months out from Novel Night. The theme this year is "It was all a dream."

Board Discussion

Landscaping

Emilie reported that she has spoken with Peggy Peters. There has been a delay at the nurseries in the arrival of plants this year. Peggy is awaiting their arrival before determining exactly what to plant. Plants should start arriving at the nurseries in about a week.

Policy Committee

Kirstin announced that this discussion would be held over to the next meeting.

Membership

Kirstin opened the discussion about possible changes to membership terminology and benefits. A discussion ensued on possibly changing the term "member" to "friends". Possible member benefits to consider include a thank you event for larger donors and pricing alternatives for fundraising events. The board felt that greater effort was needed to educate the community on the role of members of the library. The library depends on support from members since it is not fully funded by the city. Different types of communication were discussed to inform the public about the importance of library membership.

There being no further business Kirstin called for a motion to adjourn. Jan so moved. Kathleen seconded. All approved.

The meeting ended at 9:00.

Action : The Board approve the March meeting minutes
