

Minutes of the October 29, 2024 RFRR Board Meeting

Present: Kirstin Bucci, Lina Eroh, Katie Vernace, Jan Kelsey, Kathleen Riegelhaupt, , Jill Macvicar, Megan Monaghan, Jaclyn Shanahan, Diane Martin

Kirstin Bucci began the meeting at 7:40. There being no quorum present, the meeting began with informational reports. One member of the public was present.

President's Report

Kirstin reminded the board about the trustee education requirement of 3 hours of continuing education plus sexual harassment prevention training.

Staff Reports

Director's Report

Chris reported that the community needs survey had been completed. He invited the trustees to see the blue bird nest that had been set up by the Little Garden Club. He reviewed the third quarter statistics. The library is ahead of year end performance in the areas of ebook usage, registration, program attendance and door count.

Adult Services

Catherine reported that two Medicare enrollment training programs have been held. A number of one-on-one meetings with the instructor have also taken place. The mahjong group has doubled in size. There is a monthly book club for the Rye Rec Seniors. The library is participating in the Great Give Back, a statewide library community services initiative to recycle children's clothing.

Teen Services

Catherine reported good attendance for the jack-o-lantern float event. The library is partnering with the Rye Youth Council on peer youth training.

Children's Services

Catherine reported that the Monster Mash Halloween program had 35 attendees. A program on girls who code is being developed. The library is looking for parents of fourth graders to develop a new spelling bee division for that age group.

Auxiliary Board

Georgia reported that Novel Night had been a huge success. It raised close to \$160,000. A magazine "Novella" with photos of the evening will be coming out in print form for the guests and digitally for the listserv.

There now being a quorum, Kirstin called the meeting to order at 8:25.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda includes the September 2024 meeting minutes, and the September 2024 financial statements. Kathleen moved to accept the consent agenda. Jan seconded. All approved.

Development

Chris reported that the second mailer was scheduled to go out to lapsed donors. He presented the naming procedures for discussion. A discussion ensued concerning the duration of the named space, the various dollar amounts, and how to publicize the naming possibilities. The procedures will be discussed again at a future meeting.

Budget

Chris presented a hand out that described the level of municipal funding for libraries in Westchester County. A discussion ensued about the percentage of library operating costs that are or should be covered by the city. Kirstin called for the development of a communications strategy and plan with which to approach the various city officials.

Nominating

Megan reported that there were five candidates for the class of 2028 for the board. Maria is the only trustee rolling off in December. The five candidates are Valerie Chuebon, Georgia Dyer, Emily Kindler Tisdale, Duncan Sibson and Jim Steinthal.

Jan made a motion to accept the proposed candidates for the class of 2028. Kathleen seconded. All approved.

Kirstin requested a motion for the board to go into executive session to discuss employment for a particular person. Jan so moved. Lena seconded. All approved. The board went into executive session at 8:56.

The board came out of executive session at 9:17. Kathleen moved that the meeting be adjourned. Lena seconded. All approved. The meeting ended at 9:18.

Action : The Board approve the October meeting minutes