

## **Minutes of the September 24, 2024 RFRR Board Meeting**

Present: Kirstin Bucci, Lina Eroh, Katie Vernace, Jan Kelsey, Kathleen Riegelhaupt, Jackie Cohen, Nicole Cunningham, Jennifer McArdle, Megan Monaghan, Lizzie Parks, Emilie Reddoch, Jaclyn Shanahan, Georgia Dyer, Diane Martin

Kirstin Bucci called the meeting to order at 7:32. No one from the public was present.

### Consent Agenda

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

### President's Report

Kirstin reminded the Board members about the continuing education requirements. Information should be sent to Chris.

### Staff Reports

#### Director's Report

Chris reported on the Community Needs Survey that is currently being conducted. It is about 15 minutes long and will be available through the middle of October. The last time such a survey was conducted, there were about 60 responses. Trustees were asked to encourage friends to participate in the survey. The annual campaign flyer has gone out. Planning for collaboration with the schools is underway. Librarians attended back to school nights.

### Adult Services

Catherine reported that programs are being very well attended. There were over 260 attendees at the bicentennial celebration of Lafayette's 1824 visit to Rye. Twenty-eight attended the program on de-cluttering and redefining the home. Pies and Pages had 30 attendees.

### Teen Services

Catherine reported that there is a historical miniature game program. Participants set up miniature historic battlefields and then discuss the battle and strategy. There is a curated book list for middle and high schoolers.

### Children's Services

Catherine reported that there were over 200 children enrolled in the summer reading program this year. The program's wrap up party drew 120 people. The new Discovery Zone is very popular. There is a new sensory storytime which provides a different type of storytelling. School visits to the library are being scheduled. Christ Church Nursery School came last week.

### Development

Chris reported that there has been a great response to the request to become a library friend as part of the purchase of Novel Night tickets. Holiday Open House is being planned on December 14 as a friends' event. There was a small but active turn out for the book sale preview party. It raised \$2,000.

### Auxiliary Board

Diane reported that the book sale had raised over \$15,000. It was very well organized. Allowing only one week for donations simplified the process. This was the first year that a credit card reader was used. Georgia reported that the leftover books had been given to charity.

### Finance

Kirstin reported that there is an ongoing issue because costs that we cannot control (retirement funding, for example) are rising. There was a discussion as to how best to gain more funding to cover these costs and major projects like the sea wall. It was agreed that Chris and members of the executive committee should meet with the city manager about the city funding.

### Building and Grounds

Chris reported that the NYS construction grant might be a possibility next year. We would need to have the whole project in place in order to apply.

### Nominating

Megan reported there were 3 candidates lined up. The committee is still seeking additional nominees.

### Mission Moments

September is National Library Card month. Upcoming events include Women Pioneers of Television on October 23 and Mark Schenker discussion on The Heart of Darkness on October 27.

Kirstin asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the employment of particular persons. Jackie so moved and Katie seconded. All approved. The Board went into Executive Session at 8:42.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:05. Kirstin asked for a motion to approve management compensation as discussed in Executive Session. Jennifer so moved and Lena seconded. All approved.

There being no further business Kirstin called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kathleen so moved and Lena seconded. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07.

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