**Candor Library Board Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**November 09, 2022**

**In Attendance:** Trish Engelhard (Board President), Marcia Enright, Melvin Foster, Sue Gray, Joe Morrison, Lois Purcell, Nancy Riggs, Rita Quinlan, Oreal Richards, Roy Yarrington

* The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
* Board members had reviewed the minutes from our October meeting prior to the meeting. Roy made a motion that we accept the minutes, Oreal seconded his motion, and all attendees agreed.
* We reviewed the treasurer’s report for October, prepared by Kim Sullivan. The financial statement included a donation from the Friends of the Library, in the amount of $8500. It also included a statement indicating that we will be receiving $18,000 from the school next week. Nancy moved that we accept the treasurer’s report and Roy seconded her motion. All attendees agreed.
* We moved quickly through the business portion of our meeting as we were expecting Sarah Glogowski, director of the Finger Lakes Library system to talk with us about the tax cap, and how to request an increase.

**LIBRARIAN’S REPORT:**

Our Story Hour group has been busy lately. Our group is smaller since so many kids have gone on to pre-school, but we are still having a good group most weeks. They visited Iron Kettle farm to check out the story book characters, visit the animals, and enjoy snacks. The next week was a Halloween parade around the block and a party and stories. Last week they had a wonderful time being hosted at the Ambulance Squad for a Teddy Bear Clinic, stories, snacks, and a tour of an ambulance. Many thanks to the squad for hosting us.

We had a great time at Halloween with about 400 kids plus their adults stopping by to pick up treats from the 3 library witches, Trish and her puppet, Linda, and myself. Thank you to Linda and Natalie Willard for helping put together goodie bags.

I’ve been working on some weeding, ordering materials, and getting some new back packs ready to be cataloged. I am working with Heather Parks, Head of Preservation and Conservation at B.U. to arrange a book repair workshop.

It is time to renew the Empire Passes with an early bird discount if we want to offer them again next year. They have gone out 17 times so far this year. *{All agreed that we should renew the Empire Passes}*

There will be a 4 week Writing Workshop for Veterans offered by Carol Henry starting this week.

***Submitted by Marcia Enright***

**Highlights from Sarah Glogowski’s discussion:**

As a way of background/explanation, according to education law, our public schools are the vehicle by which libraries ask for increases when they are needed. We have not asked for an increase for 13 years, but rather have been content with the usual 2% tax cap.

* Sarah reminded us that there are other area libraries that have endowments too, but that they have asked their towns for an increase. That is, our investment should not prevent us from asking for a tax increase.
* Sarah suggests sending ample “messages” to our town and residents regarding the need for an increase. She is willing to give us tangible ideas to explain to our taxpayers how they might benefit from the additional funds. Some of those messages might be sent via social media (Facebook, etc.)
* Further, Sarah suggested that perhaps the library director and library board president go to a school board meeting to lay the groundwork for the request/referendum.
* Sarah is willing to send us a copy of what the wording for a referendum request might look like.
* Sarah also suggested that we have a petition prepared so that we can ask our patrons to sign in support of the referendum; that would be presented to the school board. This step isn’t absolutely necessary, but Sarah considers it “good form”.
* Sarah suggests alerting school officials by sometime in February that we would like to have the tax increase request included on the May vote, as a referendum. If the ballot were to pass, we would see the additional funds in December 2023.

At the end of Sarah’s discussion with us, Melvin moved that at our next meeting we agree to pursue a referendum for next spring. Sue seconded his motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

The next meeting will be our annual meeting on January 11, 2023.

***Minutes respectfully submitted by Lois Purcell***