Franklin Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2021

Call to order 6:30 pm

Present: Susan Pepper, Rick David, Kim Greidanus, Sue Stevens, Teresa Natzke. Janice Cherkasky and Robin Rosen were absent.

Agenda: Rick motioned to approve the Agenda and Kim seconded. All in favor

September Minutes: Rick motioned to approve the Minutes and Kim seconded. All in favor.

New Business: It was agreed at last month’s meeting that we would tackle a topic from the recent Library survey each month for the next few months. This month we focused on programming. Florence put together a Program Feedback survey that can be handed out after programs and patrons can also fill it out on-line. The first feedback form was handed out at the recent garden program and Florence did a quick analysis. The Board would like to see the breakdown of the types of programs people are interested in. Teresa will have Florence pass on her synopsis. Board would also like to have the link to the (a) program feedback form in the e-newsletter and hard copy newsletter.

Oktoberfest Debrief: Even though this is an event organized and run by the Friends of Franklin Library and they have the final say in how the event should be run, the Board did have a few comments on the night as every Library Board member attended the event and those comments will be passed on to the Friends.

Rick suggested the Library Board send a formal thank you to the Friends for hosting such a successful event and we have asked that the Board Secretary prepare and send such a note.

Property and Casualty Property Coverage: Rick talked to the Insurance Company and he confirmed that the current policy covered full replacement and that in the opinion of our insurance professional, the current policy would adequately provide protection for our Library collection and the building as a whole particularly as our coverage is part of the entire Village blanket policy. No additional actions would be needed at this point.

WiFi Policy: The Board reviewed a draft of a WiFi policy and Sue motioned to approve the policy as amended, Kim seconded the motion and the policy was adopted unanimously.

Old Business: Front Driveway is complete from the sidewalk to the street but still needs to be finished from the sidewalk to the front porch. No completion date is known.

Maintenance: There was some dampness noted in the ceiling by the old fireplace. Kim contacted Cedar Restoration, the came out and assessed the situation and will provide Kim with a quote for a fix to the chimney area with their recommendation to affix a copper surround.

Treasurer’s Report: Sue motioned to approve the reports, Kim seconded. All in favor.

Director’s Report: Teresa brought up the question of purchasing a generator for the building due to increasing power outages in the Village. The Board discussed this and considering how our Library often serves as a refuge for in our community when they are experiencing their own power outages and the value that having a backup generator would have to our ability to maintain operations through any potential power outage it was recommended to pursue pricing for a generator. Rick mentioned that the Village was in the midst of also seeking bids for generators for two of their building and that perhaps we could combine our efforts with theirs to be more economical and efficient. Teresa will send an email to the Village to enquire about joining them on a generator purchase and what the cost would be.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30

Next Meeting, Thursday, November 18 at 6:30 pm.