

Bolivar Free Library

Meeting Minutes 5/8/2021

Meeting called to order at 8:41 am

Present: Kelly, Michele D., Cathy, Pam, Michelle C, Chris, Jennifer

Excused: Kari, Bud, Jared

Introducing Jen Tarby – she is taking over the assistant director’s job; Chris is hanging on. A schedule has been worked out to accommodate Chris

Secretary’s Report:

Michelle C. – motion made by Pam; seconded by Michele D.; all in agreement

Treasurer’s Report:

Kari: Kelly presented, nothing of note. Amounts as of end of March (Michele D. received the April Schwab report; Kelly also received a copy at the library)

Donations from Graffius family

Motion made by Pam; seconded by Michele D.; all in agreement

Director’s Report:

Cathy:

- Children’s room is near completion – 70” tv and stand have arrived; Chris Graves will be coming to put it up. What to do with the old tv? – put a sign for sale (\$25?). We can even use the TV outside. When it’s all done – connect a device, like an iPad, Dan will bring it down to see what we can use. Have \$1300 left to purchase a device and pay Chris. Can also buy items for the Stem cart. Cathy will send pictures to the Patriot
- Foundation grant \$900 for the Stem bags (check will be cut after virtual meeting May 13)
- Working on the Summer Reading program – email from tent place in Olean to rent 20x30 - \$1062. Cathy will contact them; may want to add sides, Cathy will get the cost. Motion to approve the tent rental with sides; Pam made the motion; Michele D seconded; all in agreement
- Summer programs – posted it on Facebook page, planting succulents, only had one family attend. Not sure of people are still worried about Covid. Summer program will run on Tuesdays – Tales to Tails

The eagle rehab program

July - Bobbie Jo Baldwin will do virtual program, slotted for one day to do a pet therapy – 45 minute program; she will do a lesson in person for the difference between service/therapy dogs

Eric Jones – will come to work with kids and teens, waiting for a date

Allegany Artisans – waiting for a call back

Sundance Kids Farms – waiting for a call back

Crafting

- Received a call from Mike Retzlaf – program to supply hotspots for 42 people/families

Old Business:

- Programming for children and adults: Kelly handed out an update from the last meeting
 - Need to make a decision at next meeting (June) regarding Fall Festival
 - It is still homework to develop ideas for future programming for adults and children
- Building exterior masonry work: we had downstairs down, found leakage in the back. When the weather dries up will get an excavator in. Out front there are pieces of mortar falling. We will have to work on this immediately. Old pictures of the library show a different front, but can't go back to that due to historical preservation
- School letter regarding tax levy: Connie said because we did not ask for an increase, it will not be on the school ballot; Richburg isn't asking for any money either

New Business:

- Handicapped Accessibility Issues: We've talked previously about being in compliance, coming up the stairs with the chair (not ADA compliant). The state has increased the amount for Capital projects #1 issue is the accessibility – this may be the time to work on this issue. The only way we can be compliant is with an elevator. It's an aging community. Cathy put a memo out to Brian (SHPO – State Historic Preservation Office) for historical preservation – everything has to be done online which can take 6 to 8 weeks. The intent to apply is due in June. We then need to have an ADA compliant bathroom. Have to get information and an architect. Use Manley Grant in addition. The state is asking for libraries to provide 50% and the state will provide 50% so the money can be spread out more. An old estimate (2010?) was \$350,000.
- Motion made to approve the intent to apply for a capital project for handicapped accessibility compliance; Pam made the motion; Michele D. seconded; all in agreement

Next meeting will be June 12, 2021 at 8:30 am

Pam made the motion to end the meeting at 9:59 am; Michele D. seconded the motion