

## **Stanford Free Library Trustees' Meeting Minutes**

June 11, 2024

**Present:** Natalie Bliss, Melinda Heady, Claudia De Bellis, Kari Lorenson, Pamela Deitrich, Barbara Mauer, Mark Williams, Bobbie Menendez

**Absent:** Jim Bail, Laura Gilhooly

**In Attendance:** Christa Cerul

**Minutes:** Motion made to approve the minutes from the April 2024 Trustee's meeting. Vote taken. Approved.

### **Treasurer & Financial Report:**

- A. Financial report from April 1-30, 2024 was approved.
- B. Financial report from May 1-31, 2024 was approved.

### **Correspondence:**

- A. Christa shared a thank you note from Eileen McCarthy for the fruit basket sent by the Board.

### **Librarian Report:**

- A. Christa reviewed Library Use Statistics for April and May.
- B. Dutchess County Library Association Reps met with County Executive Sue Serino on June 14th to introduce the DCLA and lay the foundation for a collaborative relationship with our new County Executive with the ultimate goal of advocating for more equitable county funding.
- C. The 2025 Member Assessment will be increased significantly over the 2024 Assessment. The committee has recommended a 20% increase to the total Members Assessment for 2025 over 2024. The DA voted on this increase on June 11th. It was approved. Stanford's Assessment will go from \$4,409 to \$5,428.
- D. MHLS is looking for Board Members. Suggested candidates for the open seats on the MHLS Board are due to the county chair this month. If anyone is interested in serving, or knows someone who might be, please let Christa know by the end of June.

- E. Trustee Education Requirement - Please see attached list (Page 23) and see Christa if there are any mistakes.

**Old Business:**

- A. None

**Committee Reports:**

**A. Building Maintenance**

- 1. The speaker in the Community Room was hissing. Jim worked with Metro Sound Pros to fix the problem.

**B. Fundraising and Publicity**

- 1. Pam talked about Market Bags to be sold at Market Day.

**C. Grants-** None

**D. Legislative-** None

**E. Nominating-**

- 1. Christa approached Marc Smith about becoming a Trustee. He would also like to do a Yo-yo program at the library.

**F. Personnel**

- 1. Alice Still- our cleaning person- has resigned as of June 16, 2024. We will need to replace her. We will send Alice a \$100 gift card to thank her for her service to the library.
- 2. Ginny Schall, our Thursday volunteer, is out indefinitely due to back pain. Violet Bliss has agreed to volunteer to do shelving on Fridays until Ginny comes back.

**G. Programs**

- 1. **Adult-** Christa reviewed the many Adult programs being offered.
- 2. **Children's-** Christa reviewed Children's programs.
  - a. Summer reading planning is underway. There will be 4 weeks of 2x weekly storytimes for toddlers and preschoolers and 1x weekly storytimes for babies and 1x weekly storytimes for children in grades 1-3. Bekea Dedrick will cover the 1st two weeks and Danielle will cover the last two weeks. One-off programs will be planned for kids of all ages including the older

children who are more likely to be attending the Pine Plains camp. Danielle and Bekea are working together to solidify the plans which include two activities in the days immediately following the Rec Grand Opening. Reading Incentives and Prizes are also being planned for children and adults.

**3. Teen-** Christa reviewed teen programs.

- a. There will be a Babysitting Class offered on Thursday, July 11th from 5-8pm.

**H. Scholarship-**

- A. Two applications were received. Leandra Costa was selected as the \$250 scholarship recipient, which will be announced at the Senior Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, 6/12 @ 6pm at Stissing Mountain H.S. Claudia will represent the library at the ceremony.

**I. Technology-** None

**New Business:**

1. The Annual Report to the Community has been completed.
2. Community Day is Saturday, September 14th. Planning is underway. Claudia attended the first meeting. We will need volunteers to man the table that day.
3. Bear Creek Farmers Market is Saturday, June 15th. We will have a table there.

**Next Meeting-** Tuesday, July 9, 2024 @ 7 pm

**Adjourn-** Motion made to adjourn @ 7:54 pm. Vote taken- approved