

Approved by the Library Board of Trustees April 12, 2021

Richmond Memorial Library

Board of Trustees

March 8, 2021

The March meeting of the Library Board of Trustees was held on Monday, March 8, 2021. President Norm Argulsky called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Members present: Norm Argulsky, Gregg McAllister, Rebecca McGee, Kristi Evans, Jennifer Cascell, and Jessica Ecock-Rotondo

Also present: Bob Conrad

Excused: Leslie Moma

Approval of Minutes

Upon the motion of J. Cascell, seconded by G. McAllister, the minutes of the February 8, 2021 meeting were approved. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Public to be Heard - None

Committee Reports - None

Financials

February 2021 Summary of Revenues and Appropriations

Upon the motion of J. Ecock-Rotondo, seconded by R. McGee, it was resolved to approve the February 2021 Summary of Revenues and Appropriations. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Bank Reconciliations, January 2021

Upon the motion of J. Ecock-Rotondo, seconded by R. McGee, it was resolved to approve the January 2021 Bank Reconciliations. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Approval of Invoices for Payment

Upon the motion of J. Ecock-Rotondo, seconded by R. McGee, it was resolved to approve the manual checks on Warrant 54. The amount of \$1,028.90 was received by Proflex Administrators LLC for February Health Care costs. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Upon the motion of J. Ecock-Rotondo, seconded by R. McGee, it was resolved to approve the payment of \$3,096.72 on Supplemental Warrant 48. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Upon the motion of J. Ecock-Rotondo, seconded by R. McGee, it was resolved to approve the payment of \$13,971.40 on Supplemental Warrant 50. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Upon the motion of J. Ecock-Rotondo, seconded by R. McGee, it was resolved to approve the payment of \$42,110.20 on Warrant 53. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Communications

Peter Casey, Del Plato & Casey Law Firm

Attorney Peter M. Casey, a partner of DelPlato Casey Law Firm LLP, expressed interest in the vacant library attorney position. His proposal was discussed.

James Simonds, library patron/Appended: Borrowing Materials Policy

A letter from patron James Simonds was discussed.

Upon the motion of N. Argulsky, seconded by J. Ecock-Rotondo, it was resolved to allow Mr. Simonds to pay \$10.00 to clear his library card. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Appointment of a Library Attorney

Upon the motion of R. McGee, seconded by J. Cascell, it was resolved to appoint Attorney Peter Casey of DelPlato & Casey Law Firm to the position of Library Attorney. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

New Business

Approval of the creation of a new Part Time Library Assistant position

Upon the motion of G. McAllister, seconded by R. McGee, it was resolved to approve the creation of a new Part Time Library Assistant position. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Resolution to nominate Andrea Fetterly for trustee of the Nioga Library System

Upon the motion of R. McGee, seconded by K. Evans, it was resolved to nominate Andrea Fetterly for trustee of the Nioga Library System. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Resolution Appointing Election Inspectors for May 6, 2021 Budget Vote/Trustee Election

Upon the motion of G. McAllister, seconded by J. Ecock-Rotondo, it was resolved to approve the Resolution Appointing Election Inspectors for the May 6, 2021 Budget Vote/Trustee Election. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Approval of Proposed FY 2021-22 Budget

Upon the motion of J. Cascell, seconded by J. Ecock-Rotondo, it was resolved to approve the Proposed FY 2021-22 Budget as presented. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

President Norm Argulsky left the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Vice President Gregg McAllister took over.

Library Director's Report

Reports from Librarians McCormack, Stryker Basile, Beardslee, Wood and Potera

The Board reviewed monthly reports from Librarians Rita McCormack, Samantha Stryker Basile, Elizabeth Beardslee and Deborah Wood.

The Board also reviewed the Combined Youth Services Report from Librarian Sue Potera.

Library Statistics, January 2021

The January 2021 Statistics were reviewed.

Update on Charter Amendment (oral)

Director Conrad updated the Board on the Charter Amendment.

Petitions to serve as library trustee: now available

Petitions are now available for the library trustee position. They are due back to the library by 5 p.m. on April 6, 2021.

- **No updates on any Executive Orders suspending petitions or altering election**

Conversation upon the removal of six Dr. Seuss titles from print by his publisher

B. Conrad discussed replies to a survey from Nioga's Executive Director Tom Bindeman. The survey was in regard to the Dr. Seuss books that have been a recent topic of controversy.

Update on the search for a new Attorney

See above approval.

Other Business - None

Adjournment

Upon the motion of R. McGee, seconded by J. Ecock-Rotondo, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Conrad, Clerk

Next meeting: April 12, 2021 – immediately after Public Info. Mtg.