

BROOKLYN TOWN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 6, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Wendy Harrington. Present were: Wendy Harrington, Renee Messier, Beverly Spink, Deneen Azzolino, Jane Sipila, Desiree Burlingame, Kerri Osborne, and Lisa Burbank. Absent: Joe Asermelly. Excused absences: Ken Dykstra, Diane Wimmer, Joanne Lantry, Carolyn Otto, Charlene Hill, and Samantha Stiles.

Minutes of Last Meeting: Motion made by Jane Sipila and seconded by Deneen Azzolino to accept the minutes as were emailed. So Voted.

Treasurer's Report will be given at the annual association meeting following this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

ARPA Funds from Town of Brooklyn: the completed contract was delivered to the town's financial office on September 12, 2023 and \$10,000 was received on September 18, 2023.

Sidewalk Renovation: Our new handicapped-accessible sidewalk was completed by Dexter Masonry between October 13th and October 20th.

Lighting and Electrical Upgrades: Andersen Electric completed installing the new light fixtures and more electrical outlets between November 1st and 3rd.

Building Repairs: A water leak from heavy rain was entering the children's section through a window and crack in the mortar between bricks in the building. It was caulked and sealed. The new storm door arrived after a two month wait. Despite repeated instructions that it must open from the left, it arrived wrong and got installed that way. The door had to be reordered and the two month wait should be over around the end of November. Our rain gutters will be cleaned this coming Saturday. The front one is clogged, causing an overflowing waterfall on people when they enter our sidewalk from the parking lot on rainy days.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee Report: The Nominating Committee submitted the following slate of officers and Executive Board Members for 2023-2024:

Officers: President, Wendy Harrington, Vice President Joe Asermelly, Secretary Wendy Harrington, and Treasurer Renee Messier.

Executive Board members: Ken Dykstra, Beverly Spink, Diane Wimmer, Joanne Lantry, Jane Sipila, Carolyn Otto, Deneen Azolino, and Charlene Hill.

Alternates: Samantha Stiles, Desiree Burlingame, and Kerri Osborne.

The following persons have agreed to become members of the Brooklyn Town Library Association: Ashley Ladero of 710 Allen Hill Road, Martha Ennis of 289 Providence Road, Tracy Clang of 26 Tatnic Hill Road, Pat Austin of 36 Vina Lane, Ruth Jones of 36 Vina Lane, Ailla Wasstrom-Evans of 17 Elliott Road, and Heidi Sheldon of 25 Church Street.

Motion was made by Desiree Burlingame and seconded by Jane Sipila to accept the Nominating Committee Report as read. So Voted.

Other: Martha Ennis completed her probation period and her review by Library Director Lisa Burbank recommends her continued employment.

Kerri Osborne spoke about the upcoming 130th anniversary fundraiser that will be a tea party on December 9th at Trinity Episcopal Church Hall. There will be two settings: 10:30 to Noon and 1:00 – 2:30 PM. Tickets will be \$15 per person or \$50 for a family or other group of 4. The church's \$100 rental fee has been covered by a donation to the library. Many volunteers will be needed for all that it takes to put on this event. There will be a Christmas story for children and hopefully a Santa.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion was made by Deneen Azzolino and seconded by Kerri Osborne to adjourn the meeting. So Voted. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy E. Harrington, Secretary