

NCFL Board Minutes –April 13, 2022

Board approved.

Board Members Present:

Randi Walker, Kim Grethen, Betsy Winters-Russell, Dale Saylor, Judy Albert, Liz Smith, and Linda Romeo

Also present: Vicki Wills (Library Director)

- Betsy moved to approve February 2022 minutes, seconded by Judy. All in favor. Motion passed.

Library Director's Report

- Diana Rupp finishing up this week.
- Suzanne Cardinal hired March 17th to work up to 7 hours per week. She lives in North Chatham and also works at the Nassau Free Library. She will be responsible for circulation, events registration, and forms.
- Nancy Dilley hired April 5th for publicity, 7 hours per week.
- Museum of Science & Technology miSci was wonderful program last week. 'How to survive on the moon'. Set up like an escape room exercise.
 - Silly Putty 4/29
- Program donation - Thrive for Strength & Balance – Derek Gelato
- Nancy Restifo asks if we have a bookkeeper/treasurer
- Columbia County Library Association (CCLA)
 - County Board of Supervisors gave back to the CCLA 20% from 2020 they withheld which is \$14,430.00.
- Summer programs - Thursday at 4 pm – theme 'Oceans of Possibilities'
 - Mad Scientist Black & Blue
 - Animal Embassy
 - Fish hand Puppets
 - Captain HurriCain magic & teach
 - Bike the Path together with Valatie
 - Canoeing the Stockport Creek with DEC
 - Memoir Group Readings (Sunday Live & Learn)
 - Reggie Harris (Sunday with Arts & Culture)
 - Eco Cooking with Linda Romeo (Wed Live & Learn)
 - Rockets?
 - Dyeing?

- NYS Library Final Budget

Program	Amount	Change From 2022
Library Aid	\$99.6M	+5.5M
Library Construction	\$34M	No Change
Release of Love Your Library	\$150,000	+150,000
Digital Inclusion	\$10M	+10M
Schomburg Research Center	\$375,000	+125,000
Langston Hughes Library	\$112,500	+37,500
WIRED Broadband Act	New	NA

Long Range Plan

- The Strategic Plan Committee has been focusing on the 414 Campaign. The Committee will focus on the Strategic Plan in 2023.

414 Campaign

- Judy reported that the Campaign has been going very well. Has been a team effort. On the first day, 99 signatures were collected. Liz reported that 182 signatures have been collected. The Committee will discuss the 414 with the Town Board at a workshop on May 5. From a process perspective Judy thinks we're way ahead of the schedule. In June, a get out the vote strategy will be developed. Judy discussed developing a 'Friends of the Library' as a mechanism for collecting funds targeted towards efforts like the 414 Campaign.

Finance Committee

- *Nothing to report*

Fundraising Committee

- June 18th for the Pig Roast – no day of ticket sales, pre-order only
- July 23rd for the Garden Tour
- Cocktail Party for August

Marketing Committee

- *Nothing to report*

Building & Grounds Committee

- *Nothing to report*

Arts & Culture Subcommittee

- **FUNDING:** We received full grant requested from CREATE (Greene County Council on the Arts). Award of \$1,150, which will be direct deposit into bank checking account. Bookkeeper should look out for this deposit and allocate the funds the subcommittee. Additionally, Julie had applied earlier for a separate grant (unusual opportunity to get back to in-person events), awarded \$1,000, also from CREATE. Funding total for 2022 is \$2,150.
- **LAST SUNDAY** - Very successful, lovely event on April 10 at Malden Bridge Community Center (MBCC). Everyone wore masks. Judy Staber's reading - 29 attendees.
- **UPCOMING** - Next event - "At Wit's End" on May 8, Mother's Day - Nancy Rothman playing Erma Bombeck — should be very fun. Good weather, outdoors behind the library; inclement weather, downstairs at the church.
- June 12 - "Rising Tides" with neighbor Karen Halverson - indoors at the library.

Live and Learn Subcommittee

- Columbia County Land Conservancy walk in Ghent
- Heat Pumps house visits
- Native Plants – June 15th
- Memoir Reading – July
- Eco Cooking with Linda Romeo - August

Executive Committee

- *Nothing to report*

Nominating & Governance

- *Nothing to report*

New Business

- *Nothing to report*

Next Library Board meeting May 11, 2022, at 7:00 pm.