

## **NCFL Board – August 16, 2023**

### **Board Members Present:**

Bob Weiss, Mark Reamer, Kim Grethen, Linda Murawski, Linda Romeo, Betsy Winters, Julie Kabat, Rick Werwaiss, Dale Saylor, Judy Albert, Kathleen Turley, Liz Smith, Randi Walker

### **Also present:**

- Meeting called to order at pm.
- moved to approve the July 2023 minutes. seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

### **Library Director's Report**

### **Finance Committee**

### **Fundraising Committee**

- Update on Saturday's cocktail party.
- Linda M. is creating a packing of information we can use for grant writing. She reported that she needs the following to complete it.
  - Bios from everyone except Kathleen.
  - A list of goals for the library if developed.
  - Count of addresses on our email list.
  - A statement on diversity and inclusion which is now being requested on some applications as part of a mission statement or a separate policy statement. She would like to include this in her package.
  - Excerpts from any patron correspondence to the Library expressing thanks or appreciation for service.
  - History of the little library.

### **Marketing Committee**

### **Building & Grounds Committee**

### **Arts & Culture Subcommittee**

- Award Ceremony: Two board members, Kathleen and Julie, attended the CREATE Council on the Arts Award Ceremony for 2023 Columbia County grantees. Julie met the grants manager and the new executive director for the first time and addressed the audience, offering a summary of our library's arts programs. The Council is now funding many wonderful and innovative programs in Columbia County. We have a new Award certificate to post on the bulletin board.
- Upcoming Program: Showing clips from the film, Hello Bookstore - The filmmaker Adam Zax and owner Matt Tannenbaum will do the presentation on Sunday September 10 at 3:00 pm at the library. The film has received great reviews, including The Guardian during their recent tour of England.
- Extra Funding: In October, DTA, Alex Mar author event!
- Personal Note: Julie's book, Love Letter from Pig: My Brother's Story of Freedom Summer
  - August 23 – Release date, University of Mississippi Press
  - Aug. 28 - WAMC group interview on at 11:10.

- Sept. 3 – at 3 pm, Spencertown Academy Festival of Books – interview with Paul Murray and book signing!
- DTA - Launch party at Chatham Bookstore

## **Live and Learn Subcommittee**

### **Nominating & Governance**

- Discussion of adoption of a statement of diversity, equity, and inclusion to our mission or as standalone policy. Potential language:  
North Chatham Free Library is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in the promotion and practice of intellectual freedom, and its leaders are individually and collectively responsible for creating and maintaining physical and virtual spaces, programs, services, collections, and practices that ensure we reach, engage, and value all of our community members, regardless of ability, age, cultural background, ethnicity, faith, gender, gender identity, ideology, national origin, race, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status.
- Just a reminder that all trustees are required to complete a minimum of two hours of trustee education annually (Education Law 260-d added by Chapter 468 of the Laws of 2021).

Upcoming events, from MHLS email 8/10:

- **Trustee Essentials** | September 18th, 2:00-3:30 PM | [Register](#)
- **Core Values & Ethics** | September 21st, 5:00-6:30 PM | [Register](#)
- **Trustee Handbook Book Club: Equity, Diversity, Access & Justice** | October 17th, 5:00-6:30PM | [Register](#)
- **Trustee Handbook Book Club: Financing & Managing Construction Projects** | December 19th, 5:00-6:30PM | [Register](#) (This one would be really good to attend.)

## **Executive Committee**

### **New Business**

moved to adjourn. seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Next Library Board meeting September 13, 2023, at 7:00 pm.