

Literacy Volunteers of Sullivan County

LVSC Board Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2018

Members present: Leo Glass, Dawn Ryder, Jill Atkins, Gay Donofrio, Al Feller, Vivian Ginsberg, Alison Mastandrea, Lillian Tighe, Marc Mendelsohn, Angela Dutcher

Members absent: Debra Gabriel, Patricia Deagle, Nicole Newick

Acceptance of Minutes: Dawn/Marc

REPORTS:

President:

Leo reported our CD was opened yesterday. Our interest rate is 1.98% over 15 months.

Treasurer:

The bookstore had a great month despite everything being half off. We still made \$3300 and cleared the shelves for future donations.

Treasurer's report and funds transfer approved: Marc/Dawn

COMMITTEES:

Finance:

The budget will be sent out soon. There are some suggestions included that may increase advertising expenditures. The budget will be reviewed during the June meeting. Pat will be in attendance to answer any questions.

Board Development/Nominating:

Officers will be voted on during the June meeting.

Recognition Event:

The recognition event will be held at 5:30PM at the June Board Meeting. The meeting has been moved up to 5 to accommodate this. The board will provide refreshments. Angela projects as many as 20 people. Marc will bring pizza, Vivian will bring red wine, crackers and hummus, Gay will bring white wine, Alison will bring soda, Jill will bring bottled water. Angela will ask Nicole if she will make cookies for the event.

Sullivan Renaissance:

We received the grant. Committee will meet next Monday. Vivian suggested applying for a second grant for the Past Perfect bookstore. Angela will get quotes to redo the sign at Read It Again – we can fit this in the building and maintenance line of next years budget. Leo suggested board members submit proposals for the design of the new sign. Vivian suggested keeping the design simple enough for drivers passing by at 30mph to be able to read. Angela suggested adding banners that say bookstore to both sides of the building (rather than the signs just reading books). She will look into the logistics.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

See attached report.

Bethel Community Day will be attended by Alison, Gay and Vivian.

Bethel Woods Day will be attended by Angela. Everyone needs to do an activity. Someone else has taken the bean bag toss and Bethel Woods would like many different events. Angela has found some options, such as a giant memory card game or a ring toss. Vivian pointed out the memory card game may consume too much time to keep children interested. Angela will make the ultimate decision.

Bagel Fest will be attended by Angela, Leo, Gay, Jill and Al. Pat will probably be there as well. We have decided to sell our \$5 bags and not take books. Angela showed the board the \$5 bags and the raffle prize sign.

Fallsburg canceled the immigration presentation due to lack of numbers. We will still receive our fee. Half goes to Greg who prepared and was going to present the presentation.

Past Perfect will be open on Friday. There is an issue with keys. Angela and Dawn are working to resolve the issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Angela is on a committee to put on a book fair at the library. Angela volunteered to do PR and talk on local radio which will gain us recognition as well. Angela will keep the board updated on progress.

We would like to attract more tutors. Marc suggested speaking to the tutors themselves to see how they feel we could gain more volunteers. The tutor courses take about 12 hours online but are not required for former teachers.

Leo suggested putting ads in the help wanted section. They are expensive and we do press releases at a lower cost.

Vivian suggested a separate tutor brochure. Angela will put together a new brochure specifically directed at attracting tutors.

Vivian mentioned the Barbara Bush for Family Literacy grant. Angela explained we used to get the grant and we have applied this year even though we haven't received it in several years.

Meeting Adjourned: Vivian/Gay