

Literacy Volunteers of Sullivan County

LVSC Board Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2016

Members present: Leo Glass, Dawn Ryder, Jill Atkins, Gaye Donofrio, Debra Gabriel, Marc Mendelsohn, Angela Dutcher

Members absent: Jane Sorensen, Margaret Hotchkin, Lillian Tighe, Patricia Deagle, Vivian Ginsberg,

Acceptance of Minutes: Gaye/Dawn

REPORTS:

President:

Angela has been doing a great job. Things have been going well in the office and bookstore.

Treasurer:

Angela mentioned the Village of Monticello sewer tax has doubled. The bill is payable in August.

Approved: Debra/Gaye

Bookstore:

July year over year differences were due to the Sundays we were open last year. Angela warned that August will probably drop as well as our ebay sales have dropped. Paula was listing books on ebay but has decided to cut back, It is a tremendous amount of work and hard to find a replacement.

COMMITTEES:

Bagel Festival:

The festival is Sunday. Margaret is unable to attend. Jill will be in the bookstore and Gaye is helping with the setup and teardown. Dawn and Angela will be there all day. Dawn will be bringing a tent. We will do a 50/50. Angela mentioned our Workforce Development worker will also be there to help run books between the bookstore and the festival.

Board Development/Nominating:

We need more board members. Angela mentioned we need to do some board training to familiarize the board with the history of the organization.

Energy:

We received two bids for the energy project. Both are over our budget. Leo mentioned that in the past Black Bear had mentioned installing heat pumps which is much less expensive and may be a viable solution. Angela will be meeting with George Pop tomorrow to see if we would need new plans and the difficulty of changing the scope of the project. The government agencies will need to review and approve any changes. Leo reminded the board to remember this is not an emergency to change out the system and we have not yet signed loan papers.

Personnel:

Diana is coming back two days a week. Probably on Monday and Thursday.

Angela will be taking vacation the last week of August.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Angela has done a lot of PR. Tutor training is online and going well.

We will not see a report card this year. The state had technical difficulties. Marc asked how our report card was last year. We were in the 59th percentile. Angela showed the board the report card. Leo and Gaye both mentioned that statistics aren't as important as the impact we have on our students' lives.

NEW BUSINESS:

Marc asked if the meeting should be at 6 because people have been running late. The board agreed 5:30 works well.

Dawn mentioned we will look at the Crawford Library for a literacy series in October. It will be open to the public and may encourage others to become involved. The space at the library is free as long as we do not plan on charging.

Meeting Adjourned: Gaye/Debra