

Literacy Volunteers of Sullivan County

LVSC Board Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2017

Members present: Leo Glass, Dawn Ryder, Jill Atkins, Gaye Donofrio, Debra Gabriel (phone), Vivian Ginsberg, Marc Mendelsohn, Lillian Tighe, Angela Dutcher

Members absent: Patricia Deagle, Jane Sorensen, Margaret Hotchkin,

Acceptance of Minutes: Dawn/Gaye

REPORTS:

President:

Leo asked a blacktopping company completing work at the government center to fill the hole in our parking lot. The company donated their services, Angela wrote a Facebook review thanking him. She will also send him a tax exempt form. Angela and Leo also put in the sign.

Treasurer:

Pat will be at the June meeting to answer budget questions. Marc asked if expenses are inflated at a flat percentage. Angela explained Pat estimates based on information we have about what will increase and what will stay the same, she felt Pat's estimates were very realistic.

Transfer approved: Marc/Gaye

COMMITTEES:

Energy:

Angela felt the Energize Sullivan loan would have a lot of red tape. They asked for a new appraisal – our current appraisal is dated 4/2016. We also wouldn't be able to use local contractors. We would have to use from their approved list – all of whom are based out of Westchester. With this new information the board felt it best not to pursue further.

Board Nominating:

We need new board members. Jane's term expires in June. She is very busy with many organizations, Angela recommended offering her an advisory board position. The board agreed, Jane is a valuable resource and would be a good fit on the advisory board.

Bethel Fundraising:

Board members signed up to bring items to the fundraiser. Leo will bring the three folding tables to the Bethel bookstore. Board members can arrive at 6 for setup. We will raffle off two baskets, stationary, a gift card to the bookstore and cookbooks. There will also be a 50/50.

Recognition Event:

Angela is looking to do an outdoor event in July. Tentative date in July 23rd. Leo suggested DeHoyas Park. Dawn recommended the Elks Lodge as a backup location.

We will supply hotdogs and hamburgers and students and tutors can bring potluck sides. Angela will try to find a bouncy house. We will try for a Sunday afternoon after Spanish mass lets out. Most likely 4-6. Angela will try to find a band or DJ. Vivian recommended a band to promote conversation and not make it hard to hear. Leo will call to make sure DeHoyas is available and they have electricity.

Marc asked if we should ask a restaurant to do it as we have the money and the weather may not cooperate. The overwhelming feedback Angela has received is students and tutors would prefer an outdoor family day. DeHoyas and the Elks Lodge both have a pavilion.

Bagel Fest:

Angela purchased a 50" smart tv to raffle off. Tickets should be in soon.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

See attached report.

Angela ordered the \$5 bags to hand out at events and promotional head phones.

Angela reviewed the events happening in the summer and the board members signed up for each. We will bring the bags and children's books to each.

We are opening the bookstore on Sundays during the summer.

Joyce broke her elbow and will be out for 6 weeks. Angela asked board members to pitch in, especially on Fridays.

Angela would like to bring a band to play in the parking lot on Sundays. Vivian recommended advertising at dePhillipe's instead, they already have a band playing there every Sunday. We could sell our \$5 bags there.

NEW BUSINESS:

Leo suggested we take the July, the busiest summer month off. Gaye made the motion to approve, Debra seconded.

Debra recommended advertising on tee shirts for the Kauneonga Lake Block Party. The cost is \$100 and also includes an item in their swag bag. At the time the board was not interested in advertising on the shirts but would like to include coupons in the swag bag. Debra will inquire to see if this is possible.

Marc inquired about Literacy Orange. Angela has not heard any new news.

Meeting Adjourned: Vivian/Gaye