

## **Literacy Volunteers of Sullivan County**

### LVSC Board Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2018

Members present: Leo Glass, Dawn Ryder, Jill Atkins, Gaye Donofrio, Al Feller, Lillian Tighe (Phone), Marc Mendelsohn, Nicole Newick, Angela Dutcher

Members absent: Debra Gabriel, Patricia Deagle, Vivian Ginsberg, Alison Mastandrea

Acceptance of Minutes: Marc/Nicole

#### **REPORTS:**

##### **President:**

Nothing to report.

##### **Treasurer:**

It's been a tough winter. Last year was much milder and foot traffic was better. We're doing well compared to the year prior. We have also lost a few customers who resell text books due to a change in Amazon rules.

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

#### **COMMITTEES:**

##### **Finance:**

Pat has suggested transferring \$50,000 to a CD. Interest rates have been going up. Al recommended keeping the term shorter. The board agreed. Catskill Hudson is offering a 15 month CD at 1.75%. Leo mentioned in the future we will have to redo the parking lot. Marc mentioned internet CDs are offering higher rates. Dawn felt the money should stay locally and the board agreed. Nicole recommended Chase. The transfer was approved by the board, however rates will be reviewed at the next meeting to determine the best way to proceed.

##### **Board Development/Nominating:**

Angela distributed a list of board terms. Vivian, Marc, Gay, Lillian and Leo's terms expire in 2018. The vote will be done in June. After the initial 3 year term board members can choose 1, 2 or 3 year terms. Officers are elected annually. Leo asked for additional board members, the maximum is 15 and we are at 12.

##### **Bethel Fundraiser:**

The Bethel fundraiser will be done later in the year, possibly at the Fat Lady Café. Leo asked about the Bethel Woods corn maze, which benefits several nonprofits on an alternating basis. Dawn will inquire with her contacts.

##### **Recognition Event:**

The recognition event will be revamped. The board has not yet decided how – possibly with a letter. In the past the event has not been well attended. Marc felt we should do something more such as providing Bethel Woods tickets to tutors. Unfortunately with the number of tutors that would be cost prohibitive. Angela will discuss with tutors how they would like to be recognized.

**Sullivan Renaissance:**

Gay discussed the grant and ideas. We will clean up the beds, remulch and plant perennials. Gay will check on the status of the grant.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

See attached report.

Sullivan County is offering a grant that covers 50% of an improvement after work is done. Angela is looking into more specific grants for the parking lot.

Servpro will be fixing the water damage. There should be a signed contract by the end of the week. We received \$2942.70 for damaged items, \$318.10 and \$361.13 for repairs, \$2830.40 for construction and \$4297.78 to Servpro.

Over 50% of students are ESL. Greg's citizenship class is up to 8 students on Saturdays.

High school equivalency classes are not working well for our mission. Our focus should be on lower level learners. We can refer higher level learners to BOCES. We should stay focused on our mission with the recent influx in students.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Kauneonga Lake Block Party will be on June 17. Dawn will be attending the block party and also Bethel Community Day in May.

Angela will prepare a list of events we did last year for the next meeting.

Leo mentioned the upcoming school vote on 4/5 will determine whether Duggan will reopen.

Meeting Adjourned: Marc/AI