

Literacy Volunteers of Sullivan County

LVSC Board Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2018

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

Members absent: Patricia Deagle, Nicole Newick

Acceptance of Minutes: Debra/Gay

REPORTS:

President:

Nothing to report.

Treasurer:

March has been a horrible month weatherwise but the bookstore still did well.

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

COMMITTEES:

Finance:

Marc gathered rates from all Sullivan County banks. Sterling National Bank is offering a 14 month CD at 1.85% with the condition of maintaining a checking account relationship. TD Bank is offering a 12 month CD at 1.75% with a rate bump feature. Catskill Hudson Bank (CHB) is offering a 15 month CD at 1.75%. As we already have a relationship with CHB, the board decided to transfer the \$50,000 from the money market to the CHB CD. The motion for the transfer was made by Gay, seconded by Marc.

Special Events Committee:

The committee was supposed to meet on Saturday to put together the bags but the meeting was canceled and will be rescheduled. The stickers are printed and only need to be placed on the bags. Melissa enjoys putting together the mystery bags and will continue to do so.

Recognition Event:

Tutors were surveyed and the majority did not feel an event was necessary. Other feedback included after work was much more doable than a weekend. Marc suggested sending thank you cards. Dawn suggested doing a dessert for tutors after the June board meeting. The board agreed – board members will each bring a dish. To accommodate the event, the June board meeting will be moved up to 5PM.

Sullivan Renaissance:

We have been awarded the grant. Sullivan Renaissance requested a board member attends the awarding of the grants on 4/28. Debra will attend.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

See attached report.

Angela discussed our student and tutor numbers which look good for the year. In 2019 she may increase the amount of the grant which would include an increase in required numbers of students. The only drawback is not meeting the numbers will negatively affect us. As of now, we are well over the required 50 students.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dawn discussed that the Town of Bethel is working on a visitor's map which will list local businesses. Dawn will make sure the Past Perfect Bookstore is on the map.

Gay suggested sprucing up the planting outside of Past Perfect. Gay will speak to the Town of Bethel about donations to do so. If unsuccessful the Renaissance grant can be used. Gay also suggested we look into replacing the sign and including an open/closed option. Angela will look into options.

Upcoming events were discussed. Alison, Vivian, Gaye and Dawn will be at the Bethel Community Day on 5/19. Angela, Lillian and Marc will be at the Block Party in Kauneonga Lake on 6/17.

Angela has signed up for Bagel Fest. The raffle this year will be an iPad which will cost about \$400. The board agreed an iPad is something that appeals to all ages. Vivian suggested headphones also be included. Debra suggested a case. The board agreed Angela will have up to \$500 to purchase the iPad and necessary accessories. Angela will make the posters and tickets. There was debate over the price of the tickets. Angela will look into last years option and a decision will be made from there.

There is a Bethel Woods event on 6/2. They're requesting that the booths offer continuous engagement to attendees. Dawn suggested a simple bean bag toss where we could give away books. Gay volunteered that she may have the necessary equipment for the bean bag toss. Angela mentioned there may not be any fundraising allowed but she will find out more info to see if we can sell raffle tickets for our iPad raffle.

Meeting Adjourned: Vivian/Gay