

Ulysses Philomathic Library
Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting
May 21, 2024

Meeting called to order 7:02pm

UPL Board members present: R.Montana, President; S.Anderson, M. Bertrand, D.Breeden, R.Carver, C.Gotshall, D.Higareda, C.Kee, S.Thomas

UPL Board members absent: S.Perkins, A.Wali

Also Present: L.Mielenhausen, Library Director

Public Comments:

Action Items:

Motion made to approve Agenda by S.Anderson, 2nd D.Breeden, unanimous

Motion to approve April board minutes by C.Kee, 2nd by S.Thomas, no further discussion, unanimous

Motion was made by M.Bertrand, 2nd by D.Higareda to approve April expense report, no further discussion, unanimous

Motion was made by R.Carver to approve updated "Meeting Room" policy, 2nd by C.Kee, no further discussion, unanimous.

Treasurer's Report by D.Breeden

Discussion of April expense report

CAC structure to be reviewed

Director's Report by L.Mielenhausen

Our new network was installed by FLLS with minimal service interruption

2 staff members attended Friends of TCPL book sale, selected hundreds of new titles for our collection

Our Narcan training – organized by a high school student – had 19 attendees, all of whom now have a Narcan kit

Our two Rosen grant applications were both funded at 78% - one to support Summer Reading Program and the other to support a new iteration of the Teen Book Club

Our Digitization Grant was fully funded at \$8,000! The reels are already at the Advantage Archives offices and the papers will go next. Due to some changes in how many images are on each reel, the project will fully cost \$11,400 to complete.

Attended the May FLLS Directors meeting – topics included state budgets, Bullet Aid, computer bulk purchasing, and NY State Construction Aid

René and Brad led a fantastic Birdhouse Build on Community Yard Sale day, with the help from Maria and other volunteers from Hammerstone Carpentry

Have had two meetings with our website designer Emily Dowd who is helping us update our site

Discussion of Committee Reports

S.Thomas - Library history project – committee will pursue guidelines to create book of past librarians, intended outcome, and possible collaboration with Ulysses Historical Society, possible grants, etc.

D.Higareda - Path project – adhoc committee, grant process, quote for tree removal, plan for community meeting in August

S.Thomas - Book Sale – after expenses raised \$5,971. Would like to see more trustee presence; Fall Book Sale dates are Oct 10-13.

S.Thomas - Membership – board approves concept of “member night” possibly in September, tent with games, crafts, etc. Open discussion to be continued.

Governance - Discussion of Meeting Room Policy changes

D.Higareda - Nominating – brought forth a possible new trustee for discussion

New Business:

Discussion of Ellen Errigo contributions

Next regular Trustee meeting is Tuesday, June 18, at 7pm

Meeting adjourned 7:45pm, motion made by D.Breeden, 2nd C.Kee, unanimous

Submitted by D.Higareda