

**Berkshire Free Library
Board of Trustees Meeting - April 9, 2024
held at the Berkshire Free Library**

Present: John Stoughton, Darlene Wait, Lisa Michaud, Janice Merrill, Carol Leigh, Nancy Lohmann, Barbara Schwartz and Fran Miller.

Call to order at 3:35 PM. There were no additions to the Agenda.

REPORTS

Secretary's report - Minutes of the March meeting were read. No changes were requested.

Director's report - Fran reviewed the numbers for March, and noted that Ancestry will soon be expired and not renewed, using Heritage, a free program, in its place.

Old Business: Grants - Still waiting to hear from Community Fdtn of Tompkins County for StoryTime and Summer, also Finger Lakes Mini Grant for the Technology Class, and she expects to hear next week on the Summer Children's Farmers Market.

New Business: Family Literacy Mini Grant due end of April, \$500 to fund supplies, materials, performers that support literacy for at risk youth. Fran is sending out articles for both town newsletters/elists. Summer program plans are developing, including a music teacher with boom whackers the first week!

Treasurer's report - We are in good shape financially, and we need to be careful to put checks or cash in her office box only, not on the desk.

OLD BUSINESS

Grants and Kids Market were covered under the Director's report.

Online Book Sales brought in \$375 the past month, one selling for \$100!

Blueberry & Book Festival - Request for sponsorship by Mirabito has been sent. Visions request requires a financial report like last year's. No response from the ice cream truck. Sir James balloon man not reachable. Next meeting April 25 on festival.

Book Sale - Setup days needed will be emailed.

NEW BUSINESS

Museum - Penny has done a good job on the new exhibit. Fran noted the key was misplaced and will contact her as to its whereabouts. Nancy will contact Penny on the days and times the museum is open to the public. Access to the Museum is still a problem and we discussed renovations inside the Library,

Mc Elwain Engineering will be contacted to assess inside renovations possible. Finger Lakes grants or NY State grants for historic sites may be available and even if they are matching grants we do have building money in the Patch Trust. We wondered if it somehow required that the Museum be housed in the Library. We wondered if there are blueprints to the Library.

We discussed a wishlist:

- 2nd floor stairs replaced by an elevator
- Museum area on the first floor
- Crafts and meeting room with a big table
- Kids play area
- Generally better space utilization

ROUND TABLE - Janice invited everyone to the Quilt Show May 1 at the Newark Valley Community Connection.

There being no further business, Nancy moved and Barbara seconded adjournment. Unanimously passed. Respectfully,

Janice Merrill, Secretary