

Robesonia Community Library Board of Trustees

Minutes November 10,2022

In attendance: Mindy Cohen, Kennon Rice, Wendy Beard, Carol Werkheiser, Charlie Brown, and Leah Ruth. **Absent:** Laura Yazemboski with prior notice

Mindy called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Minutes from last month accepted with the following changes: remove names of potential board members & add Laura's absence with prior notice.

Leah will reach out to borough manager regarding the meeting room about the board meeting dates.

The two people who had expressed interest have not attended the past 3 meetings, and a third potential board member declined to join. We need to actively recruit new board members.

STARTING IN JANUARY 2023, WE WILL BE MEETING ON THE 4TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH RATHER THAN THE SECOND. THE BYLAWS MUST BE UPDATED TO REFLECT THIS CHANGE. (The borough is now using the room on the second Tuesday for Parks & Rec meetings, so the board has little choice but to change our date.)

The Library of Things was discussed. Board members had offered some ideas for the "things" through email, but will simply defer to Leah's judgement, leaving those decisions to the (acting) director.

Both the Librarian's report and the financial reports were accepted.

The Friends of the Library generously donated \$3,000 for new chairs and programming.

Mindy & Leah will look for chairs (JDM Outlet was suggested).

Security cameras in the library was discussed. Charles researched the various types (hard wired vs Wi-Fi which requires batteries, motion activated vs always on, subscription monitoring vs hard drive). We only need internal use cameras since the borough has several outdoor cameras. Leah will discuss the possibility of cameras with staff to gauge their comfort level. The board would like to have a camera for the front desk straight back to office. Costs range between \$200 - \$900 for the cameras under consideration.

There was a suggestion for library to hold a monthly open house to invite patrons to view the new additions to our collection (books, movies, etc.) with refreshments to bring in new foot traffic. (The Bethel Library has had some success with this.)

At 8:15 Mindy adjourned the meeting.

Addendum

1. The December 2022 board meeting has been canceled.
2. An online vote was taken for the 2023 Robeson Community Library budget as well as the 2022 staff bonuses.

Budget 2023 ALL VOTED AYE

Holiday Bonuses for library workers Dec. 2022- ALL VOTED AYE

(Email from President Mindy Cohen on 12/5/2022)

3. The Robeson Community Library Bylaws were amended by an online vote. The board meetings are now on the fourth Thursday of each month, excluding July and December.

(Email from President Mindy Cohen on 12/29/2022)

Article 4. Meetings

- a. ~~Regular meetings of the Board of Trustees shall take place on the second Thursday of every month, excluding July and December, at 7:00 PM in the Library.~~ Regular meetings of the Board of Trustees shall take place on the fourth Thursday of every month, excluding July, November, and December, at 7:00 PM in the Library. The regular December meeting of the Board of Trustees shall take place on the first Thursday of December at 7:00 PM in the Library. Special meetings of the Board of Trustees may be called by the President as the need arises, or at the request of at least three (3) trustees.
- b. A quorum shall be a majority of the members of the board and is required for the transaction of official business.