

- 1) At 7:30pm the online meeting was called to order by Ms. Karp. Present were Hildy Karp, Heather Marvell, Brian O'Leary, Tracy Carroll, Alice Greenberg-Sheedy, Marietta Zacker, Donna Grohman, Diego Ribadeneira, Friends Rep. Kathie Abrams, Village Trustee Karen Hilton, Village Trustee Bill Haskins, Lindita Cani and Shanize Haddock. Introductions were made.
- 2) **Friends Update:** Ms. Abrams updated the Board. The Friends had their Jewelry sale over the weekend; the unofficial net amount is \$5,985, which included some new memberships and donations. She expressed thanks to library Board members who were able to help. It was a lot of fun and prices were reasonable. They hope to do more jewelry sales.

The Friends approved funds for children's summer programs throughout the summer, \$1500 for books for the summer reading list, and \$500 for teen summer programs.

The Friends received a check from Better World Books for almost \$500 for the first quarter of the year. Ms. Karp thanked the Friends for their hard work and support of the library.
- 3) **Foundation Update:** Foundation members were asked to write a short paragraph of their story; why they care about the library/project and why they are trying to fundraise. Ms. Hilton asked Board members to do the same. It will be added to marketing and fundraising materials.

The Foundation agreed to pay for the renderings that H3 did.
- 4) **Minutes:** Ms. Zacker made a motion to approve the minutes from the May meeting, Mrs. Carroll seconded, all approved.
- 5) **Resolution:**
  - a) Ms. Grohman made a motion to approve Ayesha Makhdoom working part-time as a Library Associate, effective July 1, 2021, to work on special projects like website updates, video editing etc., Ms. Greenberg-Sheedy seconded, all approved.
  - b) Ms. Marvell made a motion to approve hiring Jenna Leis as a full-time library assistant effective July 12, 2021. Ms. Grohman seconded, all approved.
- 6) **Financial:** Mrs. Carroll made a motion to approve the operating bills totaling \$13,056.38, Ms. Zacker seconded, all approved. Ms. Grohman made a motion to approve the trustee bills totaling \$2,336.32, Mr. O'Leary seconded, all approved.
- 7) **New Library Director:**
  - a) *Onboarding:* Jill Faherty accepted the position of Library Director; the Village Board of Trustees approved it. There is a set of materials that the Board will give Ms. Faherty to read. In the first couple of weeks she will meet with each of the Board committees. The personnel committee will lay out the objectives of the library. Ms. Cani will share with the Board the resolution that the Village approved. The Board will vote on a resolution for Ms. Faherty at the July meeting. The Board discussed all the materials that would be helpful for Ms. Faherty, and the best way to welcome her. Ms. Karp asked that everyone look at the onboarding document, and if there is anything else that should be added let her know.

- b) *PR*: Ms. Zacker will be in touch with Ms. Faherty to get a headshot and to ask her some questions. There is an idea to do a fun interview between Village President Sheena Collum and Ms. Faherty, talking about South Orange. Ms. Zacker also said they may also do a reception of sorts to introduce Ms. Faherty to insiders. She is talking with Matters Magazine to see if they would like to do a feature on Ms. Faherty. Mr. Ribadeneira is working on a press release. In the fall a formal introduction to the community can be done in the form of an event.

- 8) **Director's Report**: Ms. Cani told the board that on behalf of library staff, they welcome the appointment of Jill Faherty as the library's new director, they can't wait to embark on a new chapter under her direction and leadership; it will be exciting.

The library is trying to offer programs that will bring more teens back to the library. Some programs are covered by grants and some by Friends of the Library. Thursday, June 17 will be a program with Dr. Mia White: Envisioning Freedom, a Juneteenth program, outdoor and virtual. Other programs include, Summer Reading Opening Day June 21<sup>st</sup>, a variety of activities on that day including visits from the Fire Department, DPW, Police and Rescue Squad.

Ms. Cani asked about opening the meeting room for some of the programs in the event of bad weather. She also asked about opening the room for some of the South Orange based organizations to have meetings, like the Historical Preservation Society, Community Coalition on Race, CRC, Friends of the Library, YouthNet etc. 10 people and under within library hours. Ms. Karp said the Board would defer to Ms. Cani and the Health Officer of South Orange to make that decision.

- 9) **Connett Connections**:

- a) *NJLBA Update*- Ms. Karp expressed enormous thanks to Ms. Marvell for her leadership and to Ms. Cani for all her hard work and Eve Peterson who has put in a lot of hours of work as well as Susan Briant.

Ms. Marvell said she got some favorable comments for the renderings, and she thanked everyone for their help and commented that it's a waiting game now. Ms. Cani will have the renderings up on the library floor and on the digital display. The results of the grant may be in the fall.

- b) *Capital Campaign*: Ms. Zacker told the Board that the Capital Campaign will start in earnest later but they are doing prep work now. Meetings will resume weekly, to make sure everything is in order. They are still planning. Ms. Zacker requested final numbers for the Appeal. Ms. Karp thanked Ms. Zacker for chairing the Capital Campaign committee. Ms. Zacker asked the Board to send her their paragraph of reason why the project is important to them. Send before next board meeting.
- c) *Exterior Work Update*- Last week the AOS engineer came to the library, he brought 3 bidders who are qualified to give their bids for the work. They looked around the building and they are in the process of giving bids probably within a week. After that a decision will be made, winning bid will be the cheapest. Ms. Hilton will follow up.

The meeting was closed at 8:28pm.

Respectfully submitted by

  
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