

Board of Trustees meeting on February 21, 2023

Present: Kris Ely, Stephen Spero, Fred Cicilioni, Jeff Burkett, Cathy Harter, Brian Lione, Jim O'Pecko, Joann Reimel, Eileen Baessler, George Conner, Ann Reed. Vicky Calby, Dawn Augenti, Chris Caterson, Craig Benson, Angie Zick, Kathy Matis, Bonnie Yuscavage

Absent: Jason Miller

Call to Order: Steve Spero called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM
This meeting was held at the Historical Society.

At the January 2023 meeting, Bonnie Yuscavage was noted as being hired as the new curator for the Susquehanna County Historical Society, this should have also been approved by the board. A motion was made to accept Bonnie as curator and the motion was passed.

The January 2023 minutes were approved.

Written reports by the administrator, board committee chairs and others were entered into the record for approval. A motion was made and approved to accept these reports.

These reports should be filed along with the minutes.

Bonnie presented her report on the Historical Society. She wants to build on the 130-year legacy. One of those ways would be involved in the "read across America program". The historical wants to start up third weekend events and start fireside chats. The Friend's Group brainstorms about possible programs.

There a lot of items at the Historical Society that need to be cataloged and preserved. Policies and emergency preparedness plans need to be prepared and approved.

Brian Lione reviewed the window project for the Historical Society Building. Potential \$500K cost. Prior to receiving a more workable quote, a scope of work needs to be provided.

The Cap Assessment is a one-to-one match grant. This will be used to cover the costs for an architect review of the project. The Cap Assessor contracts are written and signed.

Kathy Matis stated that the entire board received the financial statement. Finances are currently in good shape. Fund raising needs to remain a priority.

The Forest City lease was reviewed by our lawyer and he suggested that the library sign the lease. This lease only covers the additional square footage and the original lease will remain in effect. A motion to approve this lease was approved.

Strategic planning committee notes were handed to the meeting attendees. The strat plan should be reviewed annually. The by-laws may be revised relating to this annual review. There have been accomplishments made on the current plan, but work remains to be done. The next strategic plan will cover 2025 to 2029.

There is a crack in the concrete floor of the Montrose Library. This needs to be reviewed, but it does not appear to be serious.

How are branch board representatives chosen and what are their duties? The by-law and policy committee will review these issues and see if a new policy is required.

Attendance by board members in the past year was poor. The by-laws state that after three unexcused absences, the president should send a letter to member(s) with three unexcused absences.

Museum tours for local school districts will continue this year.

Allen Hall has concerns about funding for the Pratt Library. Pratt Library should receive 2.5% of the county funding for the library system. Starting next year the commissioners will fund the Pratt Library with this, rather than the library funding the Pratt Library.

It is proposed to move the lottery to September.

New computers should be installed at the branches when time allows.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM. The next meeting will be March 20th, 2023 at the Forest City Branch at 4:00 PM.

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