

Byron Bergen Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2022

Sally Capurso, Gary DeWind, Shirley Wade, Heather Kent, Bethany Gizzi and Nancy Bailey

Absent: Katie Rumble and Robin Day

Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm.

Motion to approve Minutes from April meeting minutes: Made by Bethany, Seconded by Shirley. All approved.

FINANCIALS:

Other than usual monthly expenditures: \$0.00

Business as usual expenditures: \$3920.93

Total expenditures for the month: \$3920.93

Total income for the prior month: \$6873.69

Motion to approve vouchers 48-62 in the amount of \$3920.93 made by Bethany, Seconded by Gary. All approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: Robin to send thank you notes to Steve Hawley for his donations of \$1923.00 from grant money.

PERSONNEL REPORT: Michelle will be back to do the Summer Reading Program and share hours with Sandy. Nancy assures that hours will remain within budget. Joselyn is volunteering to do Story Hour at the library on Friday. Nancy submitted her timesheet. Part time employees' timesheets were missing.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Will talk about going Fine Free on a permanent basis when we get sustainable funding. Nancy would like to have Children's material fine free for summer. We can decide in June.

Motion to approve Fine Free Fridays for the month of May made by Sally seconded by Shirley. All Approved

Nancy looking for help for the Bergen Park Fest on June 11th – Bethany will be able to help set up- Gary maybe able to help that day.

Nancy looking for help for Byron Bicentennial day on Aug. 20th – will check when we get closer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nancy attended the Town of Bergen Board meeting on April 12th – Town approved fixing the library door handle. Shirley and Heather are monitoring Byron Town Board Meetings. Looking ahead to request funding for next year and attendance at those Board Meetings is needed.

OLD BUSINESS:

GoArt Ceremony- Sally and Gary attended. Sally said a few words on behalf of the Library and collected the check, which was given to Nancy on the next day – it was a nice event.

Byron Connection – Sally, Shirley, Heather, and Nancy will meet May 19th at 6:00PM to discuss ideas. Sally asked that you email her ideas as what can be done to reach out to Byron patrons.

NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting Proposal: June 1st will be fine for financials with Bethany and Nancy. Reminder that we are not meeting in July.

Dream Budget Revision Committee- Bethany, Sally, Robin and Nancy will set up a date to look at the budget sometime in June.

Nioga Annual Dinner is May 18th in Lyndonville. Nioga is asking for a basket donation; Sally and Heather brought a few items in. Sally and Shirley will be able to attend with Nancy.

Municipal Library vs. Special District Library – Sally outlined differences between the two libraries.

Some apprehensions were noted as to Libby Post's presentation in terms of bias toward a Special District Library although it was noted she may be the best to represent us should we pursue a Special District Library. Her cost is \$3,000/ month.

Sally reported that Briana McNamee from NIOGA said it would be highly irregular to ask a governor if she/he would sign legislation for a Special District Library before that legislation was presented. (Response was attached in handout) Board is requested to submit questions we might ask the lawyer, Scofield, before we pursue either route. His fee will be about \$30,000 on top of whoever else we get to help.

Municipal library would take 10% of those from Byron and Bergen who voted in the last governor's election-2020. Nancy to reach out to both Byron Board of Elections and Bergen Board of Elections to see what that number was.

Will decide when we have a full board and some questions answered from the Attorney.

Nancy and Bethany will work on getting numbers from the fundraising from 2015 to have so we can decide how or where to put that money aside from general funds.

Nancy talked to Shelby and she can put the money in a separate account for us- she would just need documentation and instruction from the Board.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting Made by Gary. Seconded by Shirley. All approved.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:05 pm

Next Meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2022 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Heather Kent