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**Shelter Island Public Library Society
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 18, 2021
Minutes of the Meeting**

Jo-Ann Robotti called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Jo-Ann introduced Marie Bishko as a new member of the Board of Trustees.

Board Members Present:

Linda Kraus, Tom Hashagen, Jo-Ann Robotti, Susan Binder, Don Dunning, Henry Fayne, Bonnie Berman Stockwell, Karyn Ginsberg Greenwald, Phyllis Gates, Don Regan, Marie Bishko

Excused: Jody Geist

Also Attending:

Terry Lucas

Secretary's Report:

Henry Fayne motioned to approve the minutes from September 13, 2021. Seconded by Don Regan. All in favor.

Public Expression:

None

Correspondence:

None

Treasurer's Report:

Don Regan delivered the Treasurer's Report. The Warrant Report and Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual - General Statements were reviewed and a few items explained. To be noted: the annual expenses are presented highlighted yellow. The quarterly expenses are presented highlighted blue.

Terry discussed that the Ancestry.com electronic database is available to patrons, thanks to a grant from the Friends of the Library. The annual e-resources expense is related to library

shared e-resources and includes 40-50 sites. Tom Hashagen suggested updating the e-resources list available to our patrons and post on the library TV. Terry reported trying to highlight one or two of the e-resources in the monthly newsletter.

The Annual Appeal was a success. Tom suggested making the public aware of gifting to the library with a “no” tax benefit.

Henry Fayne motioned to approve the Warrant Report and Profit and Loss Budget VS. Actual-General Statements. Seconded by Don Dunning. Unanimously approved.

Committee Reports (material not covered in board packet):

Directors Report:

Terry Lucas reported the Trustee Handbook Club is to start 10/19/2021 from 5-6:30pm. Other dates that may be registered for are November 16 and December 14, 2021. Library trustees are required to have 2 hours of continuing education per year as of 2023.

The Budget vote is to be held at the library Saturday 10/30/2021 from 10am-4pm. The public hearing is on Wednesday 10/20/2021 5pm at the Library.

Charlie Weiner, former board member, left the library \$10,000. The check from the estate was received and deposited into the Fund for the Future.

Mike Zisser is giving the library \$10,000 in memory of his wife, Bliss Morehead, who ran the annual Poetry Project program. This money is to be distributed in the amount of \$1,000 per year via a poetry contest for East End adults.

Special Events:

Terry stated the Book and Author web event with Willie Geist and Ina Garner was a great success. Many thanks to Jody Geist for her work in organizing this event.

Terry announced that 2022 will be the 30th anniversary of the Book and Author and encouraged all to start thinking of an author for this special day. Tom Hashagen suggested exploring obtaining a grant to help with the cost of obtaining an author for this event. Terry stated she would investigate.

Friends of the Library:

Terry stated the Turkey Plunge is being planned in person for this November.

New Business:

Jo-Ann Robotti proposed to hold the Annual Meeting on Saturday January 22, 2022, 10am at the Library. Don Regan motioned to approve the Board Meeting Schedule for 2022, including the annual meeting, which was presented in the board packet. Seconded by Karen Ginsberg Greenwald. Unanimously approved.

Discussion occurred regarding hosting a volunteer appreciation party. As volunteers were limited in the library due to the pandemic, it was decided not to hold a gathering this year.

Old Business:

Discussion occurred regarding the Strategic Plan. Some ideas discussed.

- Library's primary goal to provide lifelong learning
- Becoming the community venue of choice
- Expand sources of financial support
- Grants- Exploring use of a professional grant writer
- Tailored appeals
- Increasing the number of library card holders
- Clear objectives for different audiences
- Approaching the school regarding older student mentoring/monitor younger students
- Collaboration with other organizations
- Additional support/staff for the children's librarian
- Revive storytime. Connect with preschool
- Keep up with technology
- Adult mentoring
- Diversity and inclusion efforts
- Evaluating the library's strengths and weaknesses
- Assessing needs that other island organizations do not provide for
- Outreach to assess what seniors need.
- "Checking out a person" potential collaboration with the school

Susan Binder motioned adjourning the meeting. Seconded by Phyllis Gates. All in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Kraus
Secretary