

Avon Free Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
November 23, 2020 6:30 PM Via Zoom

Present: Peggy Tirrell, Cindy Zhe, Rebecca Budinger- Mulhearn, Joe Cope, Maureen Wheeler, Chris Ryan; Josh Tonra, Brenda McKeown

Absent: Tim Batzel (Village Board Liaison), Paul Drozdziel (Town Board Liaison)

Maureen Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Public Comment: None

Minutes:

- Chris moved to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2020 meeting. Joe seconded the motion, which carried.

Friends Group: none

Treasurer's Report: The school district funds have been received. With the final bill for the renovation submitted the renovation fund can be reconciled and the account closed. Chris moved to approve the Budget Report and Balance sheet. Joe seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Joe moved to approve payment of 9 invoices. Josh seconded the motion, which carried.

Director's Report: Rebecca attended the NYLA Conference earlier in the month. Kasey, Colleen and Rebecca will be completing paperwork to participate in the retirement program. Mano Languages and Overdrive Magazines are being discontinued due to lack of use and PLS budget cuts. Rebecca gave a presentation to the Lioness Club in Avon. Santa is set to do a Polar Express Zoom story reading with families able to pick up cocoa kits to "sweeten" up the event.

Committee Reports:

Policy: none

Facilities: none

Finance: none

Personnel: none

New Business:

- 2021 Proposed Holidays – The proposed holiday list was sent out to the board prior to the meeting for review. Brenda moved to accept the proposed list. Cindy seconded the motion which passed.

- 2021 Schedule of Board Meetings – the list of dates for the upcoming year was sent to the board prior to the meeting to review. Peggy moved to accept the dates for 2021 meetings. Joe seconded the motion which carried.
- Resolution to Exceed the Tax Cap: PLS made the recommendation that AFL approve the resolution should the possibility of it being needed in the future. Chris moved to accept the resolution as read (see below) with Josh seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
 - “Whereas, the adoption of the 2021 budget for the Avon Free Library may require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in the General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and Whereas General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members: now therefore be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Avon Free Library voted and approved to exceed the tax limit for 2021 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on November 23, 2020.”
- Proposed Budget and Salaries: the proposed budget takes into consideration the plan to go fine free except for DVD. The budget is on the agenda for approval at the December meeting.

Old Business:

- Long Range Plan: The two year plan contains three areas of focus; Facilities, Community Partnerships and Programming. Peggy moved approve the two year plan which takes into account the impact of Covid on the library and community. Josh seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Nominating Committee: Chris moved to form a nominating committee composed of Maureen, Peggy, and Josh. Cindy seconded the motion which carried.

Maureen asked board members to let her know which committee(s) they wish to serve on in 2021 and indicate their willingness to serve as committee chair.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 21, 2020 and will likely be on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Tirrell