

Ballston Spa Library BoT Meeting 12/12/23

Meeting start: 7 pm

Minutes approved for 11/14/23 meeting by BoT Group

Treasurer's Report - P. Tesch

Clerk Account - \$9,660.77

Trustee Account Library Fund - \$21,249.27

Invoices and deposits to the treasurer from Andrea will occur monthly at each BoT Meeting.

Librarian's Report

The clerks did a great job while Andrea was off on medical leave.

There have been requests from patrons for some form of credit card machine to be able to use a credit card.

Fine free is going well so far, patrons are appreciative.

Story times continue to be popular and full, the fiber arts program offering was very well attended and the Holocaust Memory Project was standing room only with a variety of ages in the audience. Strong interest in the project and the survivor's story. Andrea encouraged some of the BSPA high school teachers to give extra credit for student attendance. Interactions and questions were great.

There was a small snow leak on the roof of the side entry. Andrea will call Mid-State roofing to have them take a look at it. The AED is installed.

E-content continues to be up as far as usage. BSPL is the 5th highest as far as circulation of e-content in the SALS library group. Currently patrons can access materials from up to 4 library systems with their patron id.

BoT member Jim Carter attended the recent staff meeting. Very positive experience. Group discussed: holiday bulletin boards, deteriorating microfilm machine, grants and fundraiser status.

The clerk's raffle basket fundraiser is underway.

Old Business

A museum quality Holocaust Memory project will be hosted in the BSPL in partnership with SALS up and coming. Andrea has aligned a speaker for the first night of Hannakuh. This will coincide with the Village's menorah lighting ceremony.

ALA policies will be decided on soon: Library Bill of Rights and Freedom to Read & View. Aligning with recommendations from Southern Adirondack Library Systems.

Tabling Hoopla implementation discussion until the next meeting.

Friends of the Library

Dan Berggren concert is rescheduled at the Saratoga History Center (Brookside) on Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024 - 6:30 pm refreshments, 7 pm concert start.

A swing dance instructional is being considered for a community event/Capital Campaign related at the Elks. More soon.

Capital Campaign Update

Several grants are in research stages and the Linn Foundation grant is just about to be submitted requesting 200k for Phase 1b.

Misc.

The BoT group unanimously voted to reinstate/renew board member Lori Acee's (secretary) term as a board member.

BoT group discussed setting up a plan for the library staff to begin to weed out areas of the back area of the Community Room and any unneeded or unused items in preparation for Phase 1a construction.

Andy discussed the possibility of a policy committee made up of BoT members for ongoing policy review. Compilation of annual accomplishments will be completed by June meeting.

Jason added additional books to the book stand on the library front lawn to reflect the Stewart's Foundation 50k pledge for the Capital Campaign.

Decision to try Hoopla is under review.

In March of 2023 the BoT group will vote on the Library's Bylaws.

Reminder to review SALS website for educational options to fulfill the trustee training requirement for the year.

L. Acee 12/21/23