

Mountain Top Library

Regular Board Meeting

October 17 2023

Meeting called to order at 5pm. Present were Susan Kleinfelder, Bev Femi, Ellen Manfredi, Stephanie Streich, Leslie Merlin, Cathy Wade, Jaki Elmo, library clerk and Maureen Garcia, library director. Minutes of previous were approved on a motion made by Bev Femi, 2nd by Cathy Wade and passed.

Treasurer's Report: full report is attached. School tax check arrived so operating balance is now \$19,672. Marshall and Sterling need some more info from the library so they can give us a quote on Cyber Security Insurance.

Director's Report: Library saw 1126 visits and 308 wi-fi connections this past month. Courses for next summer are being lined up with CGCC. Library is holding a costume swap for Halloween and will also be again participating in the Village Trick or Trunk with free books and candy and the Halloween Village is on display in the library. There continues to be a wide range of programs with planning for next year already in the works. New hire library clerks are Kathleen Farrell-Decker and Nicholas Spinetti.

Building Report: still waiting for the DIY grant paperwork and contract. Need to have that in place before work on the doors begins. Matching funds are not required for that grant.

Friends Report: EBay book sales have netted \$2056 this year and in house book sales are \$1488 so a total of \$3544. A very worthwhile effort. Mailing costs for the 414 mailing of \$1131 were paid from the EBay account as were the \$540 for annual appeal so that balance is \$384.80. Friends will meet tomorrow night. They will be requested to pay the \$400 towards MHLS fees and the cost of Halloween candy and a VCR -DVD converter for library use.

Old Business: discussion 414 mailing and promotion of a "Yes" vote. Board members were asked to email Gov Hochul to request that she sign the bill on her desk which would make the requirement for 414 petition signatures drop to just 25 making that effort far more doable for small rural libraries. We received a grant of \$1200 towards accessibility equipment for the computers and magnified readers. Discussion required training for Board members that needs to be completed.

New Business: Ryan @ Camp Catskill offered to donate some hiking items that could be loan items for the library to add to our diverse collection.

Next Meeting is 5pm on Tuesday November 21st.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 on a motion made by Bev, 2nd by Stephanie and passed.

Respectfully Submitted, Ellen Manfredi, Secretary