

Mountain Top Library

Regular Meeting

June 20, 2023

Meeting called to order at 5pm. Present were Susan Kleinfelder, Robert Hersey, Beverly Feml, Ellen Manfredi, Paige Jones, Cathy Wade, Leslie Merlin, Heather Barnett and Maureen Garcia, library director. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion made by Cathy Wade, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bev Feml and passed.

Treasurer's Report: full report is attached. Operating balance as of today is \$35,541.93.

Director's Report: full report is attached. Annual appeal has gone out. Cost of that mailing has been cut by eliminating preprinted envelopes and dialing back the format. Earth Day festivities were again a success. Town of Hunter has made use of the library for some of their meetings. Songbird concert drew a large crowd. Summer is getting under way with a full lineup of programs. We received another large donation of books from the United Nations library most of which will be added to the collection.

Building Report: Bob will take a look at the adjustment of the on demand hot water heater in the restrooms. Parking lot was vacuumed and cleaned of winter debris.

Friends Report: a few of the Friends held a bake sale at the Earth Day event which raised over \$200 . EBay book sales continue . Currently 356 listings, 73 sales since the start, \$1356 netted. That represents an average of \$18.57 per item so a lot more than the dollar these items would bring in the library book sale. Postage of \$540 for the annual appeal was paid with EBay proceeds so balance in that account is now \$816. The Friends also paid for a yoga program and yoga supplies for \$500. They will have a meeting on Wed June 21<sup>st</sup>.

President's Report: Susan used the new Pay Pal process to make her library donation as a test to see how that system is operating. She reports that it was a smooth process and user friendly.

Old Business: Vote was taken to accept the 414 petitions. On a motion made by Cathy Wade , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Heather Barnett and passed unanimously the following resolution was adopted.

Whereas, there has been presented to the Board of Trustees of the Mountain Top Library a petition signed by qualified voters of the Town of Hunter in a number exceeding ten (10%) per centum of the total number of votes cast for Governor in the Town of Hunter at the last gubernatorial election, asking that the following question be placed upon the ballot and voted on at the next general election of the Town of Hunter.

Shall the annual contribution of the Town of Hunter for the operating budget of The Mountain Top Library be increased by twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$28,000) to the sum of one hundred twelve thousand dollars (112,000) annually.

We agree that this may exceed the 2% NY State property tax cap .

A copy of this resolution is attached and will be in the 414 packet of signed petitions that goes to our town clerk. That is the next step in this process. Ellen will get that all to the Town Clerk tomorrow. We had 175 signatures and needed 127 so we have a cushion.

New Business: New Child Safety Policy was circulated via email and was passed on a motion made by Paige Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ellen Manfredi. Wording of paid holiday policy was reviewed and will be voted on at the next meeting with some small changes. It was agreed that we would stick with the current 6 paid holidays.

DRI documents were circulated to the board. Discussion on some items that need clarification most importantly start and end dates. Discussion also on bids vs. proposals, need for a line of credit from BOGC as this grant reimburses after library has paid the bills. An order of priorities needs to be established for the different components in the grant ask. Spectrum improved library internet speed by moving a diverter closer to the library. Discussion on refreshment plans for August book signing. That event is Friday August 4.

Next Meeting is Tuesday July 18 at 5pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 on a motion made by Cathy Wade, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Hersey and passed.

Respectfully Submitted

Ellen Manfredi, Secretary