

Mountain Top Library

March 21 2023

Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 5:05. Present were Susan Kleinfelder, Ellen Manfredi, Stephanie Streich, Leslie Merlin, Paige Jones, Heather Barnett, Cathy Wade and Maureen Garcia, library director.

Minutes of previous meeting approved on a motion made by Paige Jones, 2nd by Stephanie Streich and passed.

Treasurer's report: full report is attached. Operating account balance as of 3/21/23 is \$78,239.51. Mortgage balance is \$48,789.17. We have just 5 years more on the mortgage and are now locked in at 6% for the duration of that period. Consensus is that the "Amazon Smiles" account will now be used for credit card donations since the Amazon program has ended.

Director's Report: full report is attached. 730 visits to the library this past month. Audience for Thursday piano hour is growing. CGCC classes are going well. We are offering Bee Keeping and Astrology 101. Staff is reorganizing breakroom and office space as well as the public collection. Shelving purchased by the Friends has been utilized and it looks like we need more. Gary Burn, HTC English teacher has reached out to schedule a class trip to the library for library card signup and a brief tutorial on all the resources available for free with the card. Two more library systems are being added to a shared e-resource platform, Overdrive, which will give our patrons access to more digital resources.

Friends Report: the Friends voted to fund some of the ongoing library programs in the amount needed and not already covered by grants. Probably from \$500-\$700. EBay book sale project is up and running. Balance in BOGC account related to that is \$124.39 with approx. \$500 more to come from EBay for recent sales. To date we have netted more than \$600.

Old Business: none to address

New Business: On a motion made by Ellen , 2nd by Cathy and passed unanimously the Board voted to accept policy updates and new policies as written. New policies are Animals in Library Policy, Environmental and Sustainability Policy, Equity Diversity and Inclusion Policy, Technology Plan and Public Expression Policy.

On a motion made by Stephanie Streich, 2nd by Heather Barnett and passed unanimously the Board voted on the following resolution to over-ride the 2% tax cap. Whereas, the adoption of the 2024 budget for The Mountain Top Library may require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in 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 be it Resolved , that the Board of Trustee of The Mountain Top Library voted

and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2024 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on March 21, 2023. A signed copy of this resolution is attached.

Next Meeting is Tuesday , April 25, 2023 at 5pm. Please note date change.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 on a motion made by Cathy Wade, 2nd by Leslie Merlin and passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Manfredi, Secretary