

AMAGANSETT FREE LIBRARY
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Approved Minutes of May 28, 2021

Present: Marc Donnenfeld (President), Calandra Sheen (Vice President), Dan Mongan (Treasurer), Shari Thompson (Secretary), Meredith Cairns, Sadie Stephenson, Lynne Weinlandt, Lauren Nichols (Director). The meeting was videoconferenced and was called to order by President Marc Donnenfeld at 9:05 am.

- I. Approval of Agenda. Approved without objection.
- II. Approval of Minutes from April 30, 2021 Regular Meeting. Approved without objection.
- III. Executive Session (as necessary). There was no need for an Executive Session.
- IV. Financial Report. Treasurer Dan Mongan reported that everything is "going smoothly" and that there was nothing the board needed to discuss.
- V. President's Report. President Marc Donnenfeld noted that "the library looks great" and "everything is up and running," and asked the board for thoughts as to what the library might focus on, outside of our day-to-day activities, to further engage the community. In response, Lynne Weinlandt suggested that we have Spanish language programs at the library, and the board was amenable to her exploring this idea. Director Lauren Nichols noted that a questionnaire could be sent out, to see how much interest there would be, in the community, for these services. Lauren said that children's books in Spanish are being checked out regularly and that she gets requests for Spanish classes for adults. She said also that we are developing our collection of books in Spanish (for children, teens, and adults, plus large-print) and that while several of our staff speak Spanish, we might want to hire someone specially, depending on our programming needs. Program ideas to be explored are Spanish language classes for children; the incorporation of Spanish into existing classes, given by the library, for children; classes for adults who want to learn Spanish; and programs specific to Spanish-speaking library patrons and families. It was further suggested that the library could have a website in Spanish.

Sadie Stephenson noted that she has connections with people who live and work locally but don't come to the library, and will offer suggestions, at our next monthly meeting, for ways in which to bring them in. Sadie, as a young working person in Amagansett, will give us a new demographic perspective, and the board looks forward to, and will welcome, her input.
- VI. Director's Report. Director Lauren Nichols reported that "things are going well" and noted that she has ordered a part for one of the library's air-conditioners, which has broken.
- VII. Secretary's Report. Secretary Shari Thompson had nothing special to report.
- VIII. Trustee Reports. None of the trustees had anything special to report.
- IX. Committee Reports
 - A. Friends. Lynne Weinlandt reported that she, Meredith Cairns, and Shari Thompson

went to Ocean Graphics and ordered a donor sign for the west wall of the library (above the grate). The present benefactors of the Friends garden will be listed on the sign, and as an alternative to leaving a blank space, a replacement sign with an updated list, if/when the list expands, can be ordered at a quite reasonable cost. Director Lauren Nichols noted that she will get estimates for giving our front and side doors a fresh coat of paint and that our other signs will need to be replaced but that the Richmond Levering sign should stay, with possibly some touching up. Charlie & Sons will do the planting as soon as they can; this is a busy season, and there's been a lot of rain.

X. Old Business. None.

XI. New Business

A. Juneteenth, It was proposed that since Juneteenth, commemorating the end of slavery, is an official New York State holiday, the library should be closed on June 19th. Approved without objection.

B. COVID-19

1. Masks. It was agreed that we will go month by month but that for now, masks should be worn in the library, and we have a supply of masks that we can provide for those who need them.

2. Amagansett Free Library Phased Reopening Plan. Director Lauren Nichols proposed that subject to the board's approval, the library will now allow groups of up to ten persons, masked and socially distanced, to meet in the Community Room. The organizer of a meeting will be responsible for making sure that masks are worn and that guidelines for proper spacing are complied with. Approved without objection.

Lauren noted that this summer, programs with an audience of ten or more will be given online and that the library will have some outdoor programs

3. 2022 Budget

RESOLVED that the Amagansett Free Library Board of Trustees approves the results of the May 18, 2021 vote for the 2022 Budget: 81 Yes, 8 No. Approved without objection.

XII. Approved of Regular Bills for May. Approved without objection.

XIII. Approval of the Personnel Report. Approved without objection.

XIV. Correspondence. Director Lauren Nichols reported that the library has received a donation of \$5.00---the proceeds from a juice stand run by a young member of the community. The board expressed appreciation for this young person's initiative on behalf of the library.

XV. Period for Public Expression. No one from the public was present.

XVI. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

Next Meeting Date: Friday, June 25, 2021, at 9:00 am.