

AMAGANSETT FREE LIBRARY
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Approved Minutes of November 19, 2021

Present: Marc Donnenfeld (President), Calandra Sheen (Vice President), Dan Mongan (Treasurer), Shari Thompson (Secretary), Meredith Cairns, Sadie Stephenson, Lynne Weinlandt, Lauren Nichols (Director). Also present: Arielle Hessler. The meeting took place in the library's Community Room and was called to order by President Marc Donnenfeld at 9:10 am.

I. Approval of Agenda. Approved without objection.

II. Approval of Minutes from October 29, 2021. Approved without objection.

III. Executive Session (as necessary). There was no need for an Executive Session.

IV. Financial Report. Treasurer Dan Mongan noted that there will be a motion (item XI, D) to put our 2022 operating budget on the library's website. Dan noted also that "there is a cushion in our savings account," and it was agreed that as our accountant recommends, we will plan, over the next six months, on future projects for which our reserve funds could be used.

V. President's Report. President Marc Donnenfeld, personally and on behalf of the board, thanked Director Lauren Nichols for "all of her service, efforts, and influence" on behalf of our library, and welcomed Arielle Hessler, who will become our director as of December 1st.

VI. Director's Report. Director Lauren Nichols told the board that her tenure at the library has been "a tremendous pleasure" and noted that our programs, and especially our programs for children and for families, have been very well attended. Kindergarteners from the Amagansett School are now brought to the library regularly, as part of the curriculum, and will grow up with the library being part of their lives.

VII. Secretary's Report. Secretary Shari Thompson thanked Lauren for her dedication to the library and welcomed Arielle.

VIII. Trustee Reports. Vice President Calandra Sheen thanked Lauren, welcomed Arielle, and suggested that at our upcoming board meetings, ideas for going forward be proposed.

IX. Committee Reports

A. Friends. Director Lauren Nichols reported that another order of engraved bricks has been installed in the Friends garden and that another brick-fundraising appeal will go out in time for Valentine's Day. Lauren noted that bricks can be ordered one at a time and that it takes six weeks for a brick to arrive. Lauren noted also that additional pieces of furniture for the garden will be ordered as soon as possible, to guarantee their arrival in the spring.

X. Old Business

A. Director Lauren Nichols reported that our annual appeal, which went out two weeks ago, has raised \$17,000 to date, and that over-the-holidays and end-of-the-year contributions are expected to come in.

XI. New Business

A. Motion to appoint Arielle Hessler as the Amagansett Free Library Director. Approved without objection.

B. Motion to add Arielle Hessler to the Amagansett Free Library banking and financial accounts, and for Treasurer Dan Mongan to remain as a signer. Approved without objection.

C. Motion to approve the Annual Financial Statements prepared by Greg Ferraris, CPA. Approved without objection.

D. Motion to approve the 2022 updated operating budget for the library's website. Approved without objection.

XII. Approval of Bills for November. Approved without objection.

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

XIV. Correspondence. Director Lauren Nichols shared with the board a gracious letter from Jacqueline Marks, our archivist-librarian, thanking the board for "making this a beautiful, peaceful place in which to work" and for a recent salary increase (given to her and to all of the staff). She thanked Lauren for being "our guide through COVID and our greatest champion. . . . She has left us many gifts."

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

XVI. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 am.

Next Meeting Date: Friday, December 17, 2021, at 9:00 am.