

AMAGANSETT FREE LIBRARY
Unapproved Minutes of July 29, 2022

Present: Marc Donnenfeld (President), Dan Mongan (Treasurer), Shari Thompson (Secretary), Lynne Weinlandt, Sadie Stephenson, Arielle Hessler (Director). Also present: Al Coster, of Baldessari & Coster, LLP, Certified Public Accountants. The meeting took place in the library's Community Room 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 June 24, 2022 Regular Meeting. Approved without objection.

III. Executive Session. There was no need for an Executive Session.

IV. Financial Report. Treasurer Dan Mongan noted that our accountant, Al Coster, was here to review the library's financial statements with us.

V. President's Report. President Marc Donnenfeld reported that our staff are working hard and that "everything is going well, and people are happy with the library."

VI. Director's Report. Director Arielle Hessler reported that the 2020 census numbers, provided by the Suffolk Cooperative Library System, show that Amagansett's population grew from 1,365 in 2010 to 2,232 in 2020, by 63.52%. The towns near us, as compared with the rest of Suffolk County, also experienced large population growth, and library use has increased.

Arielle reported also that two old iPads have been repurposed, one in the Teen Room and the other in Adult Non-Fiction on the second floor, to be used as OPACs for patrons to browse our catalog, and that an old TV from the tech closet is now being used in the Teen Room for programs and events. New tables have been set up on the second floor, lining the back windows, and the new computers that were ordered are getting their final software installed and will be ready to be used in August. The new tables have replaced worn wooden tables for which the library has no space and which will be given away or recycled.

VII. Secretary's Report. Secretary Shari Thompson noted that Saturday, July 16th, was AVIS (Amagansett Village Improvement Society) Day, by proclamation of the Town Board and in celebration of AVIS's 100th anniversary. On the 16th, at 6:00 pm, Town Historian Hugh King gave a talk and slide show, in our Community Room, on Amagansett's historic houses and history, and photos from AVIS's "Capture Amagansett" photo contest, along with six entries from AVIS's "Love Letters to Amagansett" essay-writing contest, have been on display. Shari serves on AVIS's board and said that AVIS appreciates, and would like to continue, partnering with the library.

VIII. Trustee Reports. Dan Mongan suggested that our library might want to display a painting, privately owned, of a landscape by Renwick Taylor, one of the artists whom Louis Comfort

Tiffany invited to live and work in his capacious house in Oyster Bay. This painting dates from 1931 and is "an American version of the global arts-and-crafts movement" of the time. The suggestion was met with interest.

IX. Committee Reports

A. Friends.

1. July 2022 brick installation. Director Arielle Hessler reported that eight engraved bricks have been installed in the Friends Garden and that the garden has been getting a lot of use.

B. Gala. Plans for the gala were discussed and are not yet final.

X. Old Business. None.

XI. New Business.

A. Motion to create a part-time clerk position at the rate of \$20/hour, for the summer.

Approved without objection.

B. Motion to approve the Annual Financial Statements prepared by Baldessari & Coster, LLP, our library's accountants. Al Coster explained the firm's accounting policies, reviewed the library's budget and 2021 financial statements with the board, and noted that our library "got the best report you can get." He presented some recommendations for internal control, and it was agreed that Director Arielle Hessler will take them into consideration and address them as she thinks appropriate. The annual financial statements prepared by Baldessari & Coster were approved without objection.

XII. Approval of Regular Bills for June. Approved without objection.

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

XIV. Correspondence. None.

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

XVI. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

Next Meeting Date: Friday, August 26, 2022, at 9:00 am.