

## Tupper Lake Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

**May 11, 2021**

**Call to order** by Mike Farkas at 9:30 am.

**Attendance:** Trustees: Mike Farkas, Harriet Connelly, Rick Wilburn, Bob Guiney, Library Director: Ben Gocker

**Public Comments:** Suzanne Orlando sat in to observe the meeting.

**Minutes** of meeting of April 13, 2021 - motion by Rick Wilburn, second by Harriet to approve the minutes. All in favor. (4-0)

### **Directors Report:**

- Conor , project archivist, will be finishing his time at the library the second week of May. He has done an excellent job training staff members on procedures and in introducing the public to the library's collections.
- Applied for a Lake Placid Education Foundation grant for \$9,400 to create a permanent service point and work station in the children's room as well as in the Simmons Room. Also money would be used to replace shelving on the main floor to increase shelf space and overall visibility. Recipient of grant to be announced in June with funding in July.
- BOCES TASC classes have resumed after a long absence. BOCES will be billed only for the four months they used the room.
- The library received an anonymous \$10,000 donation with no strings attached.
- Also, the Infant Jesus of Prague organization made a donation of \$2,500 to the library.
- Schoolhouse Construction provided their estimate for Phase II of the construction project at \$217,216, or \$7,336 over the budget of \$209,880.
- Submitted the library's Progress Report to the State for extension of the construction project on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Notification of approval will follow.

### **Financial Officer's Report:**

- Board reviewed last month's financial reports. With the current rate of expenditures, the library should have sufficient funding through the end of September when tax monies are received.
- Motion by Harriet, second by Bob to approve the financial report. All in favor. (4-0)

### **Bills and Payroll Report:**

- Board reviewed bills and payroll numbers for the past month. Motion by Bob, second by Harriet to approve the report. All in favor. (4-0)

### **New Business:**

- Conor Snow presented his final report to the Board. Members of the Board expressed their appreciation for the work he has done for the library. Also discussed were various scenarios whereby Conor could perhaps be offered an opportunity to continue to serve the library for another period of time to build upon what he has already begun. Board members were polled about this idea and all responses were positive. Conor will be leaving in mid May and has other irons in the fire ,so even if he was offered a position, it might not work out. The Board went on

record as helping Conor with housing expenses in a range from \$2500 up to \$5000 if the situation warrants it.

- Ben thought that given the decline in the COVID situation, he might just reopen on May 17<sup>th</sup> rather than waiting until after Memorial Day with safeguards in place.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 8 at 9:30 a.m.**

Minutes submitted by Bob Guiney.

