

In attendance: Tarisa Holbrook (President), Maggie Sheldon (Vice President), Virginia Miller (Treasurer), Mary Lashway (Trustee), Betsy Scaife (Trustee), Bob Biesemeyer (Town Board Liaison), Aaron Miller (Library Director)

Meeting opened at 17:00 on October 1, 2024

Aaron let us know that we haven't had any luck getting anyone to look at the HVAC, but that the town is trying to get air service heat pumps, so he's going to reach out to see if the library can be included.

The bathroom is the only thing left on the current grant. (action) Virginia is going to talk to Christopher Santa to see if it's something he'd do.

The entryway boards need to be replaced. (action) Tarisa will talk to Joe Pete.

We discussed getting some mums and pumpkins for the flower boxes. (action) Maggie said she'd talk to Robby at Rivermede.

Financial Report (Virginia): wrote check for remainder of balance for the new bookshelves (\$4483). The payment had been approved by the board via emails. Also wrote \$230 check for Aaron's conference stipend and \$100 donation to KVFD in memory of Dan Sheldon.

(action) Tarisa will talk to Joe Pete about trash pickup.

We discussed some of the things that Aaron learned at the conference about making the library space more accessible (sensory, movement, etc.).

We discussed donations and agreed that we will check with donators to see if it's okay for us to sell unused/unwanted items and use the money for the library, or if they would prefer that we return the donation.

(action) Virginia will send info about donors so that (action) Tarisa can send thank you notes.

Aaron gave us a report about the library conference he attended.

- there were over 2,000 attendees - small and rural libraries
- he said that based on some of the stories he heard from others, he feels very fortunate to be in a community that is so supportive
- one of the ideas that seems useful to us is the idea of forming a cohort with other local libraries (Etown, Upper Jay, AuSable Forks, Schroon) and working together on strategic plans, grants, etc.
- Aaron knows someone from town who works with non-profits on grants
- Karen from KV library might be a good advisor
- We also need to develop some sort of disaster plan - just something basic about who to call, etc.

(action) Aaron to reach out to the other libraries to see if there's any interest.

(action) Virginia and Aaron to get together to discuss the disaster plan.

(action) Tarisa to talk to Joe Pete about getting the furnace serviced before winter.

Meeting closed.