

Lansing Community Library Annual Meeting Minutes April 25, 2022

All Saints Parish Hall 7pm

Attending: Trustees Barber, Eisenhut, Gossett, Huber-Hwang, Patrician, Rigdon, Schweitzer, Shaffmaster, Trowbridge **Also attending:** Susie Gutenberger, Megan Williams, Heidi Eckerson (FLLS) and Andra Benson (Lansing Town Board Liaison)

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Trustee Huber-Hwang called the meeting to order at 7:01. She welcomed and introduced everyone and thanked the community, the Friends of the Library, the board, and staff for their work on behalf of the library. She highlighted the work of the Building and Grounds Committee and the Finance Committee.

II. Library Director's Report

Susie thanked the Friends, patrons, board, and staff for their role in reestablishing the library as a community hub after two challenging years of pandemic pivots. Please see her report as distributed.

III. Grounds and Maintenance Committee Chair Report

Trustee Patrician gave the report. He discussed some of the challenges of the past year and explained the plans for expansion due to the demand from the community for gathering spaces, computer and internet access, after school programing, and expanding collection space.

IV. Friends of LCL Report

Megan Williams, Chair of the Friends of the Library gave the report. This past 18 months was a time to reimagine events to support the work of the library. An on-line auction (in place of an in-person event) was a tremendous success and the book fair was also revamped to provide the best possible outcome. The Friends will be focusing on how to increase their visibility in the community through a stronger social media presence in order to bring more attention to the great work of the library.

Candidate Introductions

Bruce Barber, Elizabeth Gossett and Maureen Trowbridge all introduced themselves as candidates for election (of three-year terms) to the Board of Trustees.

VI. Endowment Fund Update

Trustee Eisenhut gave the report. The current market value of the Endowment Fund held at the Community Foundation is \$166,298.65. The fund has grown from \$33,701.92 since 2011. Our spendable balance for 2022 is \$6,867.00.

VII. Finance Officer's Report

Trustee Rigdon gave the report. She thanked the members of the committee for their work throughout the year but especially on the LCL budget. She presented the proposed budget for 2023 of \$298,307 and the tax levy increase of \$13,949 and encouraged the community to vote. There were budget cuts in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID. Increases in repairs, supplies, insurance, utilities have affected the LCL. The goal as always is to keep any tax increases to a minimum.

VIII. Q&A

Trustee Huber-Hwang opened the floor to questions. Marilyn Farmer presented some information on the gathering of a history of the library which is currently underway. Heidi Eckerson gave some remarks on the NYS Budget that was recently passed and that increased funding may be used for renovations. More information is to follow.

IX. 9th Annual Logo Contest Winner

The winner of this year's logo contest is Dylan Gray (age 11). There were close to 50 entries this year. She was presented with a Michael's gift card and a framed copy of her artwork. It will be on display at the library and on promotional material for this year's Summer Reading – Oceans of Possibilities.

X. Closing Remarks

Trustee Huber-Hwang again thanked everyone for attending and for their support. She expressed enthusiasm and excitement for the year ahead.

XI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.