

READING ROOM ASSOCIATION OF GOUVERNEUR
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2022

Members present: Chuck Audet, Bob Dunkelberg, Gale Ferguson, Roxann Finley, Joanne Lahtinen, Mike McDonald, Judy Poticher, Anita Stoffel, Eric Tessmer, Mary Tessmer, and Greta Schrader, library manager
Members excused: Donna Besaw, Shirley Jones, Pat Milne
Members absent: Allison Collier

President Poticher brought the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The minutes from March 10, 2022 were accepted as presented after a motion by Roxann and a second from Mike.

Donna was unable to attend, but sent the treasurer's report for March and the quarterly report to all members of the board. No discussion

Greta's report included information that we had received a \$500 grant from Stewart's (Holiday Match Grant) that will be put toward the summer reading program. She has also applied for a \$1000 Walmart grant for the summer reading program. The library has some free at-home COVID testing kits available for distribution. courtesy of MILC. An additional clerk has been hired for the library. Numbers – attendance, circulation, programs, etc. - increased in March.

Friends of the Library reminded us that the annual geranium sale will be held on Thursday, May 19.

The policy committee presented the revised Circulation and Loan Policy. Joanne moved to accept the revision; Mary seconded the motion. All were in favor. The new policy was adopted on April 14, 2022. The committee is working with Greta to revise other policies concerning day to day operations ; whistleblower policy will be developed later.


Roxann reported that the personnel committee had completed Greta's annual evaluation and she had personally discussed the evaluation with Greta. We are very pleased with Greta's performance.

A discussion concerning Greta's contract of employment followed. Does it have to be yearly? Gale moved that we continue employment under current contract for the library manager position; Roxann seconded. Unanimous agreement; motion passed.

Question – did the village fix the sewer problem? Other new business to look into is the policy change needed to address the NYS 1st Amendment Audit. We will look into this further.

The next meeting is May 12, 2022. Chuck moved to adjourn at 4:30 pm. Eric seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Joanne Lahtinen, Acting Secretary