

**READING ROOM ASSOCIATION OF GOUVERNEUR**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**JUNE 9, 2022**

Members present: Chuck Audet, Donna Besaw, Alissa Collier, Bob Dunkelberg, Gale Ferguson, Joanne Lahtinen, Mike McDonald, Judy Poticher, Anita Stoffel, Eric Tessmer, and Greta Schrader, library manager

Members excused: Roxann Finley, Shirley Jones, Pat Milne, Mary Tessmer

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by the president. A motion to accept the May minutes, after a minor correction, was made by Eric and seconded by Mike. Motion passed.

Donna presented the treasurer's report for May. The cost of *The New York Times* Sunday edition (\$520) was discussed. We may not renew the subscription and see if there is any response from the library patrons.

Greta's report showed lots of good community public relations during the past month. The Gouverneur Elementary Open House was successful; the fishing pole lending program is off to a promising start; twenty-two patrons have already signed up for the summer reading program; plans for shared visits with the Rec Center were discussed with Casy Canell; there may be a shared outing with the Richville Library; the library will take part in the Flag Day parade. Patron numbers were up for the month and all other numbers were constant.

The Friends are getting ready for the Arts in the Park on June 18 where they will have a used book table. The geranium sale was again a success with 900 geraniums sold. There may be a trivia contest in late July or early August.

The 2021 audit (finance committee) will be conducted on Wednesday, June 29.

Zoo New York is offering a yearly pass to all area libraries for use by patrons and staff to discover the zoo. It will also promote library services. The cost of the pass is \$300 per year. After discussion, Chuck moved that we try it for a year; Mike seconded the motion. All were in agreement.

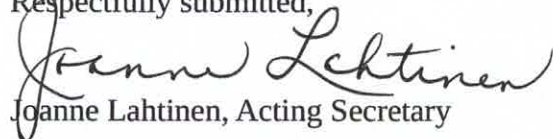
Our construction grant needed more clarification for the state officials so it was "reworked" and resubmitted today. We should know by September whether or not we have received the grant.

Eric has talked with a village official and he tells us there is more to come as we strive to solve the sewer problem in our front lawn.

The next meeting will be on July 14, 2022.

Gale moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 p.m. Eric seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Joanne Lahtinen, Acting Secretary