

Croton Free Library Board Minutes
November 14, 2016

Present: Trustees: Kelly Thomann, President (17), Michelle Minoff (17), Barry Feinberg (18), Debra Schor (19), Sharyse Eisinger (20), Jessica Godwin (20), Mary McFerran (21)

From the Association: Marianne Merola
Library Director: Yvonne Cech

Call to Order: Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

October minutes approved.

Director's Report: Yvonne

*Jerry Pinkney's 11/4 event was very well-attended with 97 people, 2 local authors, and \$1000 worth of books sold (\$250 was received as fundraising for the library) and signed books will continue to be sold. This was a positive event with a big turnout.

*The Selected Giving Document was mailed to 50-54 community members as prospective donors. Referencing the appeal letter, it outlined some suggested ways to support the library. A database of high level donors will be created.

*Quotes for updated and critical signage are in the \$3000 range. An order will be placed by year's end.

*A dedicated donation for new water fountains was given last summer. One is a bi-level fountain with a vandal-proof button. A bottle-filler will be installed with the remainder of the donation since Yvonne was able to purchase the fountains at a significant discount.

*The carpet was cleaned and scotch-guarded and should last several years. Three cleanings per year was recommended; it is hoped that twice a year cleanings will be sufficient at \$2000. This is a new ongoing maintenance expense.

*\$10K worth of donated items was received through a unique collection of CD's and art books from a local patron.

*40 volunteers signed up for the 3D training course. Today, 8 people attended for basic training on how to operate 3D printing. Two more high-level training sessions will be scheduled.

Art Committee: Howie

*Sue MacMurdy's Hudson River Scenes are currently showing in the Ottinger Room.

*A display case is needed for Jerry Pinkney's art showing.

*Artists are responsible for advertising other than the newsletter and Gazette spots.

President's Report: Kelly.

* Tax Cert burden was discussed. Shoprite's refund from the last few years was \$154K. The library has to pay \$3700. A committee of board members (Barry, Debra, Michelle, Yvonne, Kelly and Mary) will address these grievances individually. For instance, Shoprite was granted more than what they asked (they asked \$150K). It was suggested to explain to Shoprite how the library's budget is impacted and ask for a \$4K donation or credit to offset the impact.

*The election results may impact library funding. Currently, the library received \$2200/year and therefore, locally funded primarily.

*Three good candidates are viable for new board member positions this spring.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle

*Updates were completed, the audit was approved in October and taxes were signed.

Association Report: Marianne

*Lawn signs for the Fall Book and Bake sale upcoming on November 20th and 21st are in Yvonne's office. Board members are urged to take one and post on their lawns. Please donate books and baked goods and volunteer.

Gallery Committee: Mary

*The Gallery is showing posters from National Parks, including a jacket with park badges.

New Business:

On December 22nd, PVC 8th graders will visit with Inside Out and Back Again local author. 3D printing, subscription data bases and gaming/movie nights will be promoted.

Croton Reads will be rolled out in March for June event.

The next meeting is December 12 @7:30 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Sharyse Eisinger, Secretary