

## Croton Free Library Board Minutes

April 3, 2017

Present: Trustees: Kelly Thomann, President (17), Barry Feinberg (18), Howie Myers (18), Leslie Ellis (19), Sharyse Eisinger (20), Mary McFerran (21)

From the Association: Marianne Merola

Acting Library Director: Jesse Bourdon

Call to Order: Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm.

March minutes approved.

### **Old Business:** Kelly

\*Version 2 of the Budget options, earmarking the transfer of funds for air conditioning/heating units and building maintenance was officially approved.

\*Sid Franks was approved as new Board member and Treasurer. Sid and Michelle will review the books and obtain signature approval by the end of April. Marianne Merola was also approved as new Board member.

\*Director needs to plead the case for budget on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

\*Long Range Planning goals were highlighted for 2017. Building and Grounds committee needs to prioritize goals. Signage for the Art Gallery was moved from Long Range Planning to Building and Grounds committee. Long Range Goals were approved.

\*Board reviewed and is in support of the long-standing Children's Room policy of adult supervision for children under 8 years old. This will be added to the trustee manual.

### **New Business:** Jesse

\*NYS Annual Report (awaiting revisions) was voted assurance by the Board.

\*Tina Jordan will moderate Croton Reads. Jesse emailed West Point last week and hopes to hear of their interest by the end of this week.

### **Director's Report:** Jesse

\*Monthly numbers are not officially generated until the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month; however, Physical Checkouts are up by 1000, Visitors were very slightly down, possibly due to weather and Children's Weekly Event Attendance was up over 300! Library cards issued were doubled from last month.

\*Interviews for Maintenance position have begun, resumes dictate putting more hours toward outdoor maintenance and possible volunteer help. Jesse spoke with Melanie regarding a Garden committee.

\*Jesse will purchase ProBono Webinar for April 18<sup>th</sup> at 12-1pm.

\*Books for outgoing Board members need to be chosen. Kelly chose A Tree Grows in Brooklyn.

\*Arlington Wookwork meeting regarding Makerspace is on Thursday. Summer hours need to be scheduled for staining, requiring 24 hours of ventilation with open windows.

**Makerspace:** Mary

\*Mary reported on Crowdfunding. Molly Welch shot film to put on Generosity website for non-profits. This site has no platform fees and is tax exempt after 3%. It offers the ability to advertise, set an end date, re-open, and give updates. The space is called Croton Creative Learning Center. A social security number is needed. Mary will send the link and narrative.

**Association Report:** Marianne

\* The Annual Meeting of the Association is on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Ottinger Room. Karen Zevin, current Treasurer, will become President.

**Art Committee:** Howie

Deborah Cohen's work will be set up May 1<sup>st</sup> with reception May 6<sup>th</sup>.

The next Board meeting is May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. The Blue Sky meeting is June 5<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Sharyse Eisinger, Secretary