

Putnam Valley Library Trustees Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2022

Attendees:

Trustees: Terry Raskyn, Leslie Martin, Cori Madrid, Beth Appel, Ginger Lefurgy, Janet Dolot, Marilyn Power

Library Staff: Joan Stubbs

Friends of the Library: Michael Bennett

1. The minutes for the February meeting were approved.
2. The Treasurer's Report noted that the budget has been submitted but not yet finalized.
3. The Director's Report:

The amendments to the library handbook have been shared with Ethan Allen; once they respond the handbook will be finalized.

The library's Long Range Plan is completed and has been posted to the website.

The library clerk position has been filled with the hiring of Lori Arena.

Christian Russo, the new liaison to the Town Board, met with library staff and Trustee President Raskyn, and was given a tour of the library.

Following up on our previous meeting's discussion with BlocPower about the possible installation of electric heat pump technology, the company sent estimates for the work. The Board had a number of questions that need answering, and requested references from other institutions that BlocPower had provided service for. This discussion is on-going.

4. Old Business:

The Trustees accepted Paula Sims' resignation from the Board, and thanked her for her service.

The Director position has been posted, and applications are beginning to come in. Terry Raskyn, Beth Appel, Joan Stubbs, and Sarah Antoinette are serving as the hiring committee.

The Board established a fundraising committee, with Cori Madrid, Leslie Martin, and Michael Bennett serving as members.

5. New Business:

Hafseh Ba-Yunus came to the meeting to present her proposal to center her Eagle Scout project at the library, with an emphasis on building a program for younger children. The Board welcomed her participation and looks forward to her plans.

The Friends of the Library were requested to help with the purchase of a camera and printer to enhance the library's passport services.

The next Board meeting will be on April 18 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Power