

Putnam Valley Library Trustee Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2022

Attendees:

Trustees: Terry Raskyn, Leslie Martin, Beth Appel, Ginger Lefurgy, Jodi Carlson, Janet Dolot, Marilyn Power

Acting Director: Joan Stubbs

1. The minutes for the June meeting were approved as amended to include Janet Dolot's name among those attending.

2. There was no Treasurer's report for this month.

3. Director's Report:

This has been a very active summer for the library. The library is participating in the Hudson Valley Food Bank's summer food distribution program, which it has publicized widely, and will also assist United Way's food program by holding food bags for them for home delivery.

The library is participating in the Putnam County Libraries summer passport program that encourages patrons to visit other libraries in the system, as well as a book bingo contest for adults. An active program for children and families is on-going, including a very successful book writing workshop for children.

An active shooter training was conducted by the Sheriff's office. Increased building security will include the installment of a Ring camera at the side door.

The outdoor sign is experiencing software problems, and the library is speaking with several vendors about solutions.

staffing changes: Jillian is leaving on August 12, and Francoise has been named Interim Children's Librarian.

4. Gail presented a report from the Friends of the Library. The Friends have purchased a camera and processor for the passport renewal service, which will expand revenue from this program; and they provided ice cream for the summer reading kickoff;

The Friends are in discussion about the possibility of establishing a used book store at Oregon Corners;

The library passes for Boscobel, and Storm King were renewed, as well as one for Lincoln Depot in Peekskill.

5. Old business

The trustees discussed fund raising and financial sustainability for the library. Janet attended the Putnam County Library Association webinar on Pathways to Sustainable Funding, and shared material from the seminar with the group;

The library will register for a table at Town Day.

6. New business

The Trustees agreed to a continuation of the existing mask policy for the library, and emphasized the importance of publicizing and celebrating the library and its programs.

Our next meeting will be August 15, at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Power