

Putnam Valley Library Board of Trustees Meeting
September 18, 2023

Attendees:

Trustees: Jodi Carlson, Tom Pendleton, Joe Ferraro, Ginger Lefurgy, Terry Raskyn

Library Director: Amina Chaudhri

Two of our library patrons also attended.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.
2. The minutes from the August 2023 meeting were approved after one correction to the minutes was added by Trustee Ferraro. The number 259 for the typo 529.
3. The Treasurer's report will be postponed until the October 16th meeting.
4. Our Library Director reported the following:
 - In August and early September, the library hosted a wonderful presentation on the historic sites of Westchester County.
 - Regular programming like Knit and Knot and Mahjong attracted even more participants.
 - The new evening hours are earmarked for future evening programs.
 - On September 19th, the history of the Bear Mountain Bridge was presented by historian Frank Goderre.
 - Summer Reading Bingo winners received gift cards to Dog Haus and Nonna's.
 - All upcoming programs are included on our web page and on our FB page.
 - Verizon installed an internet package for a much needed 500 MB service.
 - The Board of Trustee elections will take place at the October meeting. Both digital and paper copies of information have been posted. On October 16th members of the library may vote by paper ballot for the new trustees.
 - Putnam Valley Library is attending / staffing and meeting for the following events: the Putnam Culture Fest, a New Director's meet at Mid-Hudson, the PCLA annual dinner.
 - All staff and trustees are now asked to use their new @putnam valley.org email addresses.

- We are waiting for updates on the ERC credit and the electric sign repair.
- The staff participated in professional development with Mid-Hudson via the internet. “Requesting items – System Holds, SEAL @ OCLC. (9/13).
- The PVL’s initial grant inquiry was accepted by The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley. The director will be submitting the grant form in October for funds to help finance replacing aging computers and printers. The grant will be awarded in December.
- Marilyn also applied for another grant for Partners for Climate Action
- Additionally, the director won a grant for 600 dollars to attend the New York Library’s annual conference in Saratoga Springs for 3 days.
- We have obtained estimates for repairing and updating heating and cooling and for tree work behind the library building.
- Town Day was staffed by both the director, Amina, and trustees Terry, Cori, Jodi
- Job postings for a Children’s Librarian and Library Assistant have been listed in the NYLA, MHLS, RCLS SENYLRC as well as in several universities.
- TREX recycling program well begin officially on October 21st.
- The SKYLIGHT should finally be installed on September 21st and 22nd.

5. New Business:

- Town Day was a success, but we should create a committee to plan for town day and other community events in the future.
- Trustee elections are being held on October 16th at 7:00 PM at the annual meeting.
- We are now able to sell our patrons EZ Passes.
- We are working on regaining permission to help our patrons obtain and/or renew passports.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. Our next meeting will take place on October 16th, 2023 at 6:00 PM for the regular meeting and at 7:00 PM for our annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Ginger Lefurgy, Trustee.

