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Annual Meeting of the Valley Cottage Library Association Wednesday January 20, 2021

MINUTES

In response to New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo's "New York State on PAUSE" Executive Order 202.1 to help curb the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community, the Valley Cottage Library Association did not meet in-person. The Wednesday, January 20, 2021 Valley Cottage Library Association Meeting was held via videoconferencing, and a transcript will be provided at a later date. The public had an opportunity to see and hear the meeting live.

Valley Cottage Library
Board Trustees Present:

Arlette Mooney, Vice President
Michael Mark, Secretary
Marge McLoughlin, Treasurer
Frank Dwyer
Herb Lerner

Amelia Kalin, Director (non-voting)

Voting association members in attendance: Christy Blanchette, Mary Mark, Richard Mooney, Kevin Graham, Melissa Roy, Michael Roy, Melvin Roy

Absent: Janice Dime, trustee

1. Call to order -

Meeting called to order at 7:38 PM by Arlette Mooney, Vice President

2. Public Comment –

Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

3. Approval of Minutes of the 2020 Annual Association Meeting -

Moved by Heb Lerner and seconded by Frank Dwyer

To accept the Minutes of the January 15, 2020 Valley Cottage Library Association Meeting.

Motion passes 11-0

(Marge McLoughlin signed on to the meeting at 7:41 [after this vote])

4. Comments from the Library Board Vice President –

Arlette commented that 2020 was a challenging year for everyone. Our Library Director and staff worked hard to adapt to the significant changes brought on by the pandemic. Their innovative efforts created an online presence, as well as prescribed limited in-person library access, which serviced the community admirably. Arlette expressed thanks on behalf of the Board.

All staff were retained throughout the difficult year. In addition, because of savings due to certain reduced expenditures in the pandemic year, the Board has determined that the Library will be able to continue to provide services to the community in the next fiscal year without any increases in its tax levy. There will be no requirement for a budget vote.

Arlette noted the passing of Library Board President Annjanet Woodburn. Annjanet served on the Board with distinction, and she will be missed. Arlette extended condolences to Annjanet's family.

5. Director's Report – The Director's Report was reviewed and is on file.

6. 2021 Operating Budget; Presentation and vote –

Amelia presented the Operating Budget for 2021. Funds for the budget were approved by public vote in February 2020. This presentation laid out the proposed allocation of those funds.

Michael Mark moved and Marge McLoughlin seconded the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Director of the Valley Cottage Library, the Association of the Valley Cottage Library accepts the proposed budget allocation for fiscal year 2021.

Motion passes 12-0.

7. New Business –

Appoint one trustee to complete the term left vacant due to the passing of Annjanet Woodburn. Term ends 2024 –

Board Trustee Arlette Mooney, whose term has expired, withdrew her name from the vote for Board Trustee.

Marge McLoughlin moved and Herb Lerner seconded the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Board of the Valley Cottage Library, per Association Bylaws, appoints Arlette Mooney to fill the term vacancy left by the passing of Board Trustee Annjanet Woodburn, said term to end in 2024.

Motion passes 5-0

Elect two Trustees to 5-year terms, terms ending 2025 –

Arlette Mooney nominated Melissa Roy and Kevin Graham for the positions of Board Trustee.

Votes were cast electronically. Melissa Roy and Kevin Graham were elected, receiving eleven (11) electronically cast votes, tabulated by Christy Blanchette, to serve as Trustees on the Library Board.

8. Call to Adjourn

Moved by Marge MacLoughlin and seconded by Kevin Graham

to adjourn the meeting

Motion passes 12-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Mark, Secretary