

Valley Cottage Library

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Board of Trustees Meeting of the
Valley Cottage Library
Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Minutes

Valley Cottage Library Board Members

Present: Frank Dwyer, President
Marjorie McLoughlin, Vice-President
Michael Mark, Treasurer
Mary Fiore, Trustee
Arlette Mooney, Trustee
Jemar Ward, Trustee

Excused: Melissa L. Roy, Secretary

Public Attending: Carida Ridoré
Caroline Siecke-Pape

1. **Call to order** – Meeting called to order at 7:57 PM by Frank Dwyer, Board President
2. **Public Comments** – None
3. **Approval of the minutes of the December 18, 2024 Meeting minutes** –

Moved by Jemar Ward and seconded by Arlette Mooney the following resolution,
RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the December 18, 2024 Board of Trustees meeting.
Motion passes 6-0.

4. **President's Report** –

Frank Dwyer, Board President, expressed appreciation for the Board's dedication and ongoing efforts to improve the Library's services.

5. **Director's Report** –

Christy reported as follows:

- The original proposed furniture for the adult internet stations was too large for the designated space. A new proposed option was custom-created and will cost half of the original allocation.
- Concerns raised about potential double taxation issues for the library.
- Christy was interviewed by the Rockland County Business Journal about the Library's Community Closet.

6. **Treasurer's Report –**

Michael Mark, Treasurer, reported on the financial status of the Library as of December 31, 2024. Surplus funds were used for parking lot repairs, leaving \$19,000 in remaining funds.

A motion was made by Arlette Mooney and seconded by Marge McLoughlin to accept the Treasurer's report.

Motion approved 6-0.

7. **Board Reports and New Business –**

Election of Board Officers –

Arlette Mooney and Michael Mark nominated Frank Dwyer to serve as Board President. Board approved 6-0.

Frank Dwyer and Mary Fiore nominated Marge McLoughlin to serve as Board Vice President. Board approved 6-0.

Arlette Mooney and Marge McLoughlin nominated Michael Mark to serve as Board Treasurer. Board approved 6-0.

Marge McLoughlin and Arlette Mooney nominated Melissa Roy to serve as Board Secretary. Board approved 6-0.

Designation of Official Newspaper –

A motion was made by Michael Mark and seconded by Arlette Mooney that the Board of Trustees of the Valley Cottage Library designate the Rockland Journal News to be the official Library newspaper. Board approved 6-0.

2025 Board Committees –

Committees were reviewed and updated. Jemar Ward was appointed to the Finance Committee. All other committee assignments remain unchanged.

Building Committee –

Two of three sealed bids for the Teen Space Project that were received in a timely fashion were opened.

- **Greenbush Construction: \$185,000**
- **Galway Bay Contracting: \$165,648**

The bids were referred to the Building committee for further review and recommendation.

A special meeting to discuss and finalize the committee recommendation is scheduled for January 28, 2025, at 7:30 PM.

Cancellation of February Board Meeting –

Due to the special meeting on January 28, 2025, the February Board Meeting was canceled.

8. **Old Business –** None
9. **Statistics –** The Library's usage statistics were reviewed.
10. **Adjournment –**

A motion by Michael Mark and seconded by Arlette Mooney to adjourn. Passed 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jemar Ward
Trustee