

Salina Library Board of Trustees
Monthly Meeting
May 17, 2021
7:07 p.m. via Zoom

Attending: Board Members—Frank Pappalardo, Adria Ripka, Keith Miller, Karen Ingeman, Jean Betelak, JoAnn Bohn, Ken Nichols, Kris Nichols. Library Director—Jeannine Chubon.
Librarians, Monica Norton and Jennifer Ranger. Friends of the Library—Julie Bonafice.
Excused: Charles McGraw.

1. The meeting was called to order by President, Frank Pappalardo, at 7:07 p.m.
2. Minutes from the April 2021 Board meeting were reviewed with motion to accept by Kris Nichols with second by Ken Nichols.
3. The May treasurer's report was read by Treasurer, Keith Miller. 2020 actual numbers were compared with expenses to date. An overage in supplies due to COVID, renovation expenses not covered by grant, accountant looking at form 990, PPE forgiven re:proof of use and allowed employees to be retained. Report accepted by members.
4. Staff reports:
 - a) Director:
 - Library Aware program to produce documents has been purchased. The Salina Library 2020 Year in Review document is an example of the capability of this online program.
 - the year's big project was the interior renovation project which had support of legislators Hunter and May.
 - Staff to be commended for various projects and accomplishments during COVID: Moving items, working virtually on projects, curbside service. Numbers increased for virtual programs, both adult and children's. Digital access increased via Overdrive and Hoopla.
 - Thank you to the Board for public and staff support.
 - Thank you to The Friends of the Library who continue to support with raffles earning more than \$600.
 - b) Youth Services:
 - many challenges of the year—adjusting to COVID circumstances, adhering to Library's focus even though Library closed, new book lists, winter programs, popular make and take items.
 - c) Digital Services:
 - with challenges of year circulation of ebooks and audiobooks increased, personal online training while library closed, one on one patron instruction impossible but plan to begin again soon.
5. Old business: None
6. New business: None
7. Committee reports: Frank Pappalardo assisted the Nominating Committee.
 - Slate of officers:
 - President: Frank Pappalardo
 - Vice-President: Adria Ripka
 - Treasurer: Keith Miller
 - Secretary: Karen Ingeman
 - Two year trustees: Jean Betelak and Adria Ripka
 - Motion made to accept slate of officers made by Adria Ripka and seconded by Ken Nichols. Motion carried.
8. Friends of the Library report
 - President, Julie Bonafice, reported on the Friends work even though Library closed.
 - Thoughts of new raffles, upcoming June 5th book sale and continued Library support for programming.

9. President's report:

Expression of appreciation to Director, Jeannine Chubon, for overseeing the continued operations of the Library in the midst of a long pandemic: grant writing, working with New York State and legislators, managing the continuous changes to follow in keeping the Library functioning at various levels and keeping staff safe.

Commended the entire staff for making the library and its collections as safe as possible as they were exposed as front line workers in the Library.

Thank you to the Trustees for working together on all the issues of the year, supporting the entire Library staff and concentrating on a budget vote to end the year.

10. Library Trustees Association Report

Adria Ripka reported that there is a new digital version of the newsletter beginning with the current issue.

11. Adjournment

Keith Miller made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.