

**Catskill Public Library
Board Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2021
Location: Catskill Public Library, Franklin St.
Call to Order at 7:04 PM**

Trustees Present: Mr. Bagnell, Ms. Tieger, Ms. Wilson, Mr. Koen. **Excused:** Mr. Mahoney, Ms. Fox

Staff Attendance: Ms. Miller, Ms. Orlando, Ms. McCabe, Ms. DiRaffaele, Mr. Kane

7:04 PM Called to order.

Approved minutes from 07/212021

Reports:

* **Treasurer report:** Everything remains the same within budgeted lines. Fall working budget to be developed.

The Treasurers report was read.

* **The check register was reviewed and signed off prior to meeting by Michael Maloney.**

* **Reports submitted by Joan Miller as Assistant to Ms. Hague, Emily McCabe YS Librarian, Gabriel Kane as AS Librarian, Bathsheba Orlando as Branch Manager and Crystal DiRaffaele as Senior Library Clerk were Accepted.**

* **Mr. Bagnell suggested that, as there was no new or pressing business to address, this evening's meeting would be well spent in conversations with Staff about their submitted reports and their personal impressions thus far.**

* **Directors Search**

Ms. Tieger & Mr. Bagnell reported that they have had discussions with Rebekkah Smith Aldrich at MHLS regarding various ways to tweak the announcement, and posting to NYLINK. At this time, the plan is to leave the current postings in place and let them run their course, if interest continues to be low (there are a tremendous amount of openings for Directors in the State) they will regroup late winter/early spring. This also enables the new staff to acclimate themselves to our library, and the Trustees to review/update and complete Library Policies and Long Range Planning

* **Website and related programs:**

Ms. McCabe and Mr. Kane are on these projects, conversations ensued about the direction they wish to bring to the table. Ms. McCabe expressed an interest in obtaining for a "cast of characters" within the community, as she is discovering our neighbors wear many the hats! Ms. DiRaffaele will get to her notes already in place from the Library's participation in the "Turning Outward" program earlier this year. Mr. Koen, as a new member to the Board and Community, spoke to his experience developing websites and his impressions of our community.

* **Next Meeting Date:** September 15, 2021 7:00 pm at the Catskill Library building, 1 Franklin St.

Gil Bagnell will be on vacation during next meeting, Erin Koen will attend remotely, Mike Maloney and Vicky Wilson are tentative.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion: Erin Koen **2nd:** Helene Tieger

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Miller for Rishema Fox.