

**Sullivan Free Library Board of Trustees Minutes  
February 16, 2021 Zoom Meeting**

**Present:** Karen Fauls-Traynor, Library Director. Trustees: Mary Capeling, Bill Connolly, Linda Ellstrom, Melody Foster, Colleen Garofalo, Jane Graham, Pamela Hobbs, Edie Pinegar, Tricia Sherwood, Natalie Stansbury, Judy Waite. **Absent:**

**Call to Order:** 7:02 P.M. by President Melody Foster.

**Reports**

**Communications:** None.

**Secretary:** January minutes accepted on a motion by J. Waite, 2nd C. Garofalo.

**Treasurer:** It's early in the year. Everything is in order. Report accepted on a motion by E. Pinegar, 2nd N. Stansbury.

**Director:** In past years Bartlett Trees of E. Syracuse has not charged us to pruned and sprayed our crab apple trees at CH to control their rapid growth. Circumstances have changed and we will now have to pay \$720 for trimming and \$150 for spraying which is necessary because the trees are now touching the building. We thank them for their past generosity.

The 2020 Annual Appeal has netted \$11,115 after expenses! In 2019 we netted \$8510. We are grateful for the generosity of our donors in this difficult year.

We hope to soon let volunteers who have had both doses of a COVID vaccine back into the library. But first we will ask the staff if they are okay with this. Of course, everyone will still be masked.

The success of Derek Pratt's Zoom program on the Erie Canal (29 people logged in) has prompted us to try to schedule another local history program in March with Charlie Albee.

The first issue of a joint newsletter with the CCSD libraries, sent out February 1st, was well received. We will continue to further promote our library events and services each issue.

The Madison County Task Force invited all agencies in the county to a meeting to discuss ways to get COVID vaccines to diverse groups such as Mennonites, Amish, migrant workers, within the county. We offered our community room as a site.

Library staffs are still not included in any category, except age or underlying condition, to receive a vaccine. NYLA and PLA are working to get them included with essential workers.

**Committees**

**Personnel:** None.

**Public Relations:** Joint newsletter with CCSD.

**Finance:** Barb's budget report shows that we ended 2020 over budget by \$15,915, not because we over spent, but because we took in much less income because of the pandemic: no copier fees, lost book fees, community room rental, used book store sales, plus Madison County cut our funding 20%, the state delayed sending grant money, and we were closed for 3 months.

**Fundraising:** Annual Appeal money still trickling in. Selling Gertrude Hawk chocolate continues to be popular. Used book store now open.

**Nominating:** None.

**Old Business:** Haven't heard back from National Grid about the proposed power line. Assume they will be looking for a different route. Now that the new disinfecting fogger is working, it makes cleaning the community room easier.

**New Business:** *Talking Point...*tax forms available here. RSVP volunteers will help seniors with income tax filing. Must make an appointment.

**Adjourned:** 7:30 P.M. on a motion by P. Hobbs, 2nd M. Capeling. Approved.

**NEXT MEETING TUESDAY MARCH 16 AT 7 P.M.**

Respectfully,

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Secretary  
Linda Ellstrom