

Raquette Lake Library

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October 18, 2021 Meeting

I. Calling meeting to order

Elizabeth Noonan (“Biz”) called the meeting of the Raquette Lake Library to order on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 5:37 pm at the RL Library. Present: Biz, Jim Dillon, Colleen Walsh, Jack Reagan, andCarolynn Dufft. Absent: Desiree Lurf.

Public comment:

Nancy Grosselfinger had presented the following questions in writing prior to the meeting:

“You will no doubt be relieved to know I will not be joining you in person today for the 2022 budget construction agenda.

HOWEVER, I would not miss a ‘public comment’ opportunity by email from NYC.

1. Last year Jim Dillon declared a ‘conflict of interest’ with regard to RL Supply being the fuel oil provider for the library. In August I asked if this matter has been studied and resolved. I hope the forthcoming budget and the minutes of this meeting will include further information and resolution of the matter.
2. As the RL School Superintendent Richard Rose recently explained in his letter to school taxpayers regarding the modest rise in school taxes, RL School District now has 9 students. I hope the budget for the coming year will reflect additional funding to support these local students’ needs related to their studies. This might include outreach to them individual and/or collectively, additional librarian time to consult with the Town of Webb School and parents as well as students themselves as to their specific needs and any programming specifically aimed at them. This might entail a modest tax increase which, no doubt, the community would support, especially if/when an explanation is in order. We have a wonderful opportunity to introduce and reinforce the value of their local library to these young patrons (and their parents), building them into lifetime readers and library users.
3. I would like to suggest the library investigate purchase of a laptop computer and stand to be dedicated to access to the card catalog. As I understand it, because of COIVD distancing requirements, the two stationary computers cannot both be used simultaneously, leaving patrons with only one direct access computer for all their needs. If a patron needs to use the card catalog they must wait for the single computer to be available. IF the library had an additional moveable laptop or tablet it might be possible for the patron to go straight to that device and complete their library use more quickly. After COVID restrictions are lifted that laptop could be devoted to wider use by patrons. I have seen these ‘limited time’ laptops in other libraries.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I wish you a successful meeting.

Nancy G.”

II. Treasurer's Report by Jim Dillon:

September

- Income: \$ 14,520.11
- Paid Bills: \$ 4,132.00
- Checking: \$ 60,166.84
- Savings: \$42,322.56

October

- Income: \$ 1,111.38
- Paid Bills: \$ 3,184.21
- Checking: \$ 58,277.11
- Savings: \$42,512.56

Biz made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Jack seconded it. All were in favor.

III. Librarian's Report as done by Carolynn Dufft:

Item Circ:

Aug 2021: 621 Sept. 2021: 230

Aug 2020: 338 Sept 2020: 378

ILL (out):

Aug 2021: 246 Sept. 2021: 200

Aug 2020: 206 Sept 2020: 194

Colleen and Biz appreciated the detail of the report.

Biz made a motion to accept the librarian Report. Jim seconded it. All were in favor.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- awnings over the porch
 Colleen and Jack are looking into details.
- leaf blower
 Jack will look into
- fax to email: Carolynn to follow up. We need to check in with Desi on this.

- **Setting up credit card payments via website**, Desi to finalize with Biz and Jim.
We need to check in with Desi on this.
- pillars: update
Jim will try to touch base with Jeff Evans
- conflict of interest
RLS \$3.19/gallon
Clark's \$
Helmert's \$
- centennial celebration
something to think about
- Colleen brought up the addition
maybe we can get an estimate: Jim and Jack will look into it

V. **New Business**

- 2022 meeting dates
Proposed Meeting Dates 2022
 - Monday, January 10, 2022 5:30
 - Monday April 11, 2022 5:30
 - Saturday, August 20, 2022 10:00 am: Annual Meeting
 - Monday, October 17, 2022 5:30 pm: Budget Meeting
- Budget
Biz made a motion to approve the 2022 budget and Jim seconds. All in favor.

Public comment:

Biz made a motion to adjourn the board meeting at 6:54 pm. Jack seconded it. All were in favor.

The next meeting is a special executive session meeting scheduled for November 15, 2021 at 5:30 pm.