Kennedy Free Library January Board Meeting

At the January 18, 2022, Kennedy Free Library Board meeting, Vice President Michelle conducted the meeting, as Cody was called away at the last moment.  Present were Kevin, Shannon, Alicia, Steve, Barb, Kathleen, and Dawn.  At the reading of the Minutes

from the November 16, 2021, meeting Barb moved acceptance of the corrected minutes, and Shannon seconded.

Kevin presented the Treasurer's report, noting that the Library was in a strong financial position, in fact, perhaps even under budget at the moment. Kevin will have the budget, as well as the 990, prepared for the next meeting on March 15, 2022.  Steve and Barb moved to approve Kevin's report.

When Dawn listed the many activities/clubs/initiatives the library staff have undertaken in the last month, it was astonishing!

Lego Club, Story Hour, Book Club, Crochet Club, and the Year-Long Reading Challenge all were launched, in addition to finishing the set-up in the basement floor with books and furniture.  Thanks to a $6000 gift from the Town of Poland, Dawn was able to buy young adult rockers, children-sized stools, and a book cart. Owing to the generosity of Mrs. Whitton, who crocheted the two snowmen, and Sue Abbey, the Library will host its first Wintery Escape Room on January 29th.  Next to come is a snow fort contest. The Genealogy Society has donated collections, and the family of Jan Rublee, one of the founding mothers of the Kennedy Free Library, gave a memorial gift as well. With the money from a grant offered by CCLS, Dawn is buying more audiobooks, which are popular with the patrons.  The Valentines for Vets project, made possible with the assistance and contribution of Sheila Hoene will be done on February 5th.  Colecraft has repaired its furniture and book cases. They still need to repair the puzzle tables and will take them back to the factory for repair when they bring the new furniture that has been ordered.  Dawn suggested that a Book Sale, a fundraiser, could be held for two days March 25 and 26th, 9-5pm. Board members will be asked to participate. Dawn is still working on getting community members to become Friends of the Library.  Kathleen and Steve moved acceptance of Dawn's report.

Michelle asked if there were Old Business to discuss.  As there was none, she moved to New Business:  assignments to the Standing Committees.  On Policy Committee are Michelle, Dawn, and Cody; Construction, Barb, Steve, and Shannon; Grants, Kevin, Alicia, Kathleen; Employee Review, Michelle, Sue, Cody. For the Election of Board Officers, the slate of candidates originally proposed was voted in unanimously: President, Cody; Vice-President, Michelle; Secretary, Kathleen; Treasurer, Kevin.

Dawn was asked to leave, for the Board to go into Executive Session.  As an expression of trust and appreciation, the board raised Dawn's hourly salary.

Shannon and Michelle moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen McGough Johnson, Secretary