
Vernon Public Library Board Meeting Agenda

Call To Order

February 15, 2024 @ 6:00 pm Lori 1st Amy 2nd

Attendees

Lori Klopfer- President Amy Lince-Secretary Jessica Yerdon-Trustee Melanie Catello-Trustee Robin Vanderwall, Paula Ianello, Tony Ianello, and Kevin Beecher-Community Members

Absent

Amanda Moyer-Director Kaylee Sierson-Vice-President

Previous Meeting Minutes

January minutes were approved. Melanie 1st Lori 2nd

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was provided at the meeting.
The checking account balance as of 01/31/23 was \$4,314.93.

Director's Report

The Director's Report was not available at the time of the meeting.

Fundraising Committee

A report was provided at the meeting for the heart sale event, donations, and book sales done in January.

Upcoming Fundraiser Ideas-

Donations with kids crafts, and heart sales.
Need ideas for raffle baskets.

Non-Fundraising Ideas-

Kids crafts, ice cream breakfast, pancakes, and book sales.

Public Comment

We had four community members attend our board meeting that expressed their concerns regarding the Vernon Public Library being placed on the ballot for the 259 Education Vote.

The following were some of their questions and concerns.

- How many current Verona residents utilize the Vernon Public Library? We did not have that number available at the meeting, but offered to email that information to the community members.
- Currently being taxed for both Oneida and Sherrill Public Libraries, and do not want an additional tax for the Vernon Public Library.
- Inquired about our current fundraising, and a GoFundMe page to help the library financially. We discussed that we periodically receive small, not large monetary donations.
- There was a discussion around the status of the library's 501c3.
- We can borrow books from other libraries.
- Was the library going to add additional employees, and the answer stated was no.
- Further discussion that the library is not rechartering at this time.
- We ended our discussion on the note that we would take into consideration all of the community member's concerns voiced during the meeting, and will reevaluate all of our current options. We as a library board will be open and transparent to the voters of the community.

Unfinished Business

501c3 Updates- No updates at time of the meeting.

259 Vote Updates- No updates at time of the meeting.

New Business

Safe Deposit Box

The Board discussed and approved the purchase of a safety deposit box with an annual fee of \$25.00. Melanie 1st Lori 2nd

The Board discussed and agreed to have an Executive Session Meeting on Saturday, February 17, 2024 to discuss the option of a 414 vote if the 259 ballot vote does not pass, and to discuss hiring a lawyer to help us navigate through the process of both votes listed above. Robert Schofield from Albany was recommended by Wanda Bruchis from MidYork at an approximate cost of \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00.

Adjournment

The next Board Meeting will be March 13th at 6 pm
The meeting closed at 7:07 pm Lori 1st Amy 2nd
