Ivoryton Library Regular Meeting Minutes

7 p.m.

November 29, 2022

Executive Director: Elizabeth Alvord

Board Members Name (Term)

Leslie Barlow (6/21 – 6/23)	Louisa Ketron (6/20 - 6/24)	Melissa Ozols (6/22-6/24)
Deb Brown (6/22-6/24) *	Sharon Lewis (6/21 - 6/23)	James Spallone (6/19 - 6/23)
Susan Campbell (6/18 - 6/24)	Kathy Marois (6/21-6/23)	Carol Sullivan (6/19 - 6/23)
Charlene Doane (6/17 - 6/23)	John Matthiessen (6/20 - 6/24)	Vacant

*Absent

Executive Board (Term)

President – Sharon Lewis (6/22-6/24)	Secretary- Susan Campbell (6/21-6/23)
Vice President – James Spallone (6/22-6/24)	Treasurer- Carol Sullivan (6/19-6/23)

1. **Call meeting to order:** 7:05 p.m., welcome to Michael Lennon, a potential board member

2. **Approval of October Minutes: Approved**

3. **Event Results:**

Pumpkin Chase 5K – Chris "Father of Corina" Pagliuco. Chris thanked the board for support. Race was a success (arch; inflatable dinosaurs, but let's have more next year; chip times worked). Next year, perhaps we can add a predict-your-time element, and more dinos and more costumes and maybe a longer kids' race – and perhaps station dinosaurs as race moderators. And maybe we can add $8 gift cards as opposed to $5. We made roughly $800, given the timing company, gift cards, and t-shirt expenses. Next year's race is Oct. 21, 2023.

4. **Director's Report:** Elizabeth Alvord – A couple of adult craft nights coming up. A brief mention of masks – if someone feels more comfortable with masks, we all wear masks. Illumination will include Santa-letter-writing and a small book sale and our part of the Elf Scavenger Hunt. She asked for board members to drop by to help. And then the library stays open, but we don't have more events until after the first of the year. In the children's room, Elizabeth B. has moved her children's events inside. Holiday hours: Library will be closed Dec. 24- 26. The library will be open Dec. 31 for regular hours, and then will reopen Jan. 2. Elizabeth announced that Ann Thompson was named executive director of Essex Public Library.

5. **Treasurer's Report:** Carol Sullivan – Discussion about slow process of all the income etc. from the race, and about some kind of small end of the year cash gift to the accounting and cleaning people. Discussed and moved and approved unanimously.

6. **Committee Reports:** Status, membership, recommendations, decisions needed
    1) Fundraising Committee - Louisa Ketron and Charlene Doane: Re: Trivia Night: Application has been put in for March 4 or 11 at the Centerbrook Meeting House but we are still waiting to hear. If the meeting house is a no-go, there's the Carriage House at Deep River Historical Society, Ivoryton firehouse, or Essex town hall. Inquiries will be made. Louisa Ketron

suggests having community members make quilt patches for a community quilt raffle down the road. Louisa will head that effort.

2) Grounds and Maintenance Committee- Carol Sullivan:
    a)   Backyard recommendation – Getting quotes has been challenging. Leslie got a quote from Sullivan Lawn Services, with a 25% discount. The job entails extensive uprooting current shrubbery and planting 40 California privet. Motion made and approved to spend up to $6,000 on landscaping.
    b)   Gutter update – It's done. Yay!
    c)   We await an estimate on some work to be done on foundation.
    d)   We will use the same snow removal company as last year.
    e)   Discussion about the proposed program room and/or front step rework. Elizabeth A. will create a budget, after discussion with George Penniman. There's a state grant that will pay half the cost, and the deadline for that is February, says Elizabeth A.

3) Nominating Committee- Leslie Barlow
    a)   Proposed new member- Michael Lennon

4) Human Resources Committee- Leslie Barlow

7. **New Business:**
    a) Decision on December meeting: Unanimous decision for no, thank you, but no.
    b) Any other new business

8. **Adjourn**: 8:05

Next meeting: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023

Called the meeting back to order to vote on the new member, Michael Lennon. Approved unanimously.

Re-adjourn: 8:09 p.m,.