Board of Trustees
of the Blauvelt Free Library
March 25, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Michael Andrea.

PRESENT: Kerry Beckmann, Mike Conklin, Dan Danner, Debbie Gallagher, Lisa Honig-Andrea, Kathleen Lacker, Claire Morrissey, Sal Pagnani, Alice Ryan, Donald Syko.

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Maria Ceci and Maria Valentino

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES:

Motion to accept the minutes of the February 28, 2025 meeting, with amendments, was made by Dan Danner, and seconded by Sal Pagnani. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Joan Ready. Complete Treasurer's report is attached for March, 2025. Board members asked questions regarding some of the line items and Joan explained in detail.

Motion to accept the March, 2025 Treasurer's report was made by Sal Pagnani, and seconded by Donald Syko. Motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Claire Morrissey reported. Library Directors from Blauvelt, Orangeburg, Piermont and Tappan met with SOCSD Superintendent Brian Culot to present signed petitions in support of the 259 Funding Referendum. The proposal was approved at the March 4th school board meeting. Informational fliers will be posted at all libraries before the end of the month and Blauvelt will host an informational meeting on April 23rd with voting taking place on April 29th. Claire is currently reviewing current library policies and will share recommendations for revisions and inclusions for consideration at our next meeting. Staff fire training will be held onsite on March 27th. Information has been shared with Webster Bank to update our credit card information and update the names who should be on them. Our current cleaners have asked for an increase. Cleaning service is currently only once a week- with the number of bathrooms we have it is an issue. Claire looked into the service Orangeburg uses and received a quote to come twice a week at a lower cost. We will be able to transition to the new vendor (Vanguard)

next month. Champion Elevators are scheduled to visit on March 27th to evaluate the elevator and communication systems and prepare a quote.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:

Alice Ryan reported. The High Tea event was a very successful event. The friends will be meeting next week to focus on the Community Garage Sale which will be held June 7th and 8th. Barry Koch has agreed to assist with the graphic work. The Culinary event is scheduled for June 25th since the friends have now been able to secure a bus. Alice will be going to Elmwood Theater next week for a special showcase event to look at future offerings. Discussion ensued regarding the Friends checking account and whether it should remain open. The Friends are also sponsoring a teen Logo Contest.

OLD BUSINESS:

Eagle Scout Project On-Site Dedication – Michael Andrea is working to find a date that works.

Lion's Club Electric Board – Discussed above.

259 School Funding Proposal by SOCSD Libraries – Discussed in the Director's Report.

Sprinkler Heads by Eagle Scout Project Area – Claire will reach out to Landmark Irrigation in the spring when they come to turn on the existing sprinklers. Board discussion ensued.

SIGN RECOMMENDATION: Mike Conklin from the Blauvelt Lions shared information regarding estimates received for a replacement sign. The Lions had four vendors submit estimates and after discussion and review, the Lions recommended the selection of Visual Information Services Corp to replace the current sign. Discussion ensued by the board after Mike Conklin left and a motion was made by Lisa Honig-Andrea and seconded by Dan Danner to again partner with the Lions and split the cost of an electronic sign that both the library and Lions would use to share information. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

O&R – The new smart meter has not been working properly and we have been undercharged each month. There is a past due amount of $2891.26 and a new meter will need to be installed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

A motion for adjournment of the Public meeting was made at 8:22 PM by Debie Gallagher, and seconded by Kathleen Lacker. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 7:00 PM.