

**Bethany Library Association (BLA) Clark Memorial Library (CML) -- Library Board Meeting**  
Tuesday, November 16, 2021

**ATTENDANCE:**

Gayle Bogel (Library Director)	Serena Guerrette
Betsy Thornquist (President)	Susan Hartnett
Jenny Turner (Vice President)	Mark Hawes
Sheila Lane (Treasurer)	Helen Hawes
Calico Harington (Secretary)	Nancy Seaton
Meghan Gallagher	Steve Massey
Jeremy Garritano	

**ABSENT:** John Pellicano

**Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Betsy Thornquist, President**

**Action Item 1: Welcome Jeremy**

The Board welcomed new board member Jeremy Garritano.

**Action Item 2: Investment Update – Steve Massey**

Steve Massey gave an investment update and answered Board questions.

Nancy motioned to accept proposed investments. Meghan seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed; none abstained.

**Action Item 3: EVA follow-up (Betsy)**

The Friends have volunteered to sponsor the charging station. They will put up a sign.

**Action Item 4: Staffing (Gayle)**

Tom Nolan will be leaving the library at the end of December. There are 2 interns beginning in the spring. Volunteers can also take over some of Tom's duties. We may also need to find someone to do odd jobs at the library, as Anthony has not been available to do work at the library for the past year or so.

**Action Item 5: Staff holiday gift**

The board discussed the staff holiday gift. Betsy and Susan or Megan will pick up the gifts. Each board member will chip in \$20. The board can sign the cards at the December meeting.

**Action Item 6: December board meeting – in person**

The December meeting will be at Susan's home on December 14 at 6:30 pm. Each board member will bring light savory or sweet food items and/or beverages to share after the business meeting.

## Committee Updates

- Governance - No update
- Development (Susan)-
  - Donor Reports were delivered to Bethany mailboxes about two weeks ago.
  - Annual Drive - Pledge cards will be delivered right after Thanksgiving. Calico will send the files to the printer. As pledges come in, board members will divide up thank you card writing responsibilities.
- Buildings & Grounds -
  - The Boy Scout Fall cleanup was this past weekend. Gayle came in on Sunday to open the building. Betsy bought hot chocolate and Munchkins. The Boy Scouts did a thorough job.
  - Contract for Children's Room (Betsy) - The contract has been signed. The Historical Society has emptied out all the bookcases and the room is ready for construction to begin. It appears as though the work may be completed by spring.
  - Sidewalk Update (Mark) - Entire pathway can be redone in the next couple of weeks, for a cost of \$23,500. They will not damage the plants. Susan motioned to go ahead with the work. Mark seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none opposed; none abstained.

## Consent Agenda:

1. October minutes
2. Director's Report

Meghan moved to accept the consent agenda, Susan seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none opposed; none abstained.

## New Business:

- Kathy Zollo has decided not to resign from the Friends Presidency. Instead she will act as co-President with Cathy Antonelli.
- The next regular board meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm on 12/14/21. It will be an in-person meeting at Susan Hartnett's house.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.** Sheila moved to adjourn the meeting. Meghan seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed; none abstained.

Meeting minutes were prepared by Calico Harington