

AUGUST 18, 2023 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE EAST HAMPTON LIBRARY held at 4:00 pm in the library.

Sheila Rogers called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Present: Carey, Corwin, Deichert, Druker, Fabiszak (Executive Director), French (Business Operations and Human Resource Officer), Kroeger, Lipper, Molinari, Rae, Rogers, Ross, Schaeffer, Thomas, Walter, Willett, and Akkad and Shaw on zoom,

Absent: Arandia, Collins, Parker, Pool, and Soriano.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the May minutes was made by Brooke Goren and seconded by Debbie Walter—passed.

Chairperson's Report: Sheila reported on Authors Night. She thanked Dennis for his tremendous efforts which resulted in the event being another great success. She also thanked Sophie French for handling the checkout process so smoothly and knowing where all the money was at all times, and Emmie Green for dealing with more than 7,000 books sent by the publishers. Sheila also thanked the committee members who all worked for more than eight months leading up to the event: Amy for recruiting hosts, selling tent and dinner tickets, and making arrangements for superstars Jann Wenner and Neil deGrasse Tyson to be under the tent and for the donation of 125 books for Tyson which were just some of the magic that we have to thank Amy for; Keri for her constant social media posts, creative advertising, research on best-selling authors, and for working many more hours than she is paid for; Jane Friedman for her help in gathering so many famous authors and for her wonderful dinner party; Denise for gathering another impressive group of diverse authors; Patti Kenner for all of her great support including financial generosity and outstanding dinner party, Steve Rosen and Celia Paul for their constant review of books and great author recruitment ideas; Rob Boynton for author recruitment and calm personality; Carrie Doyle for recruiting hosts and authors, and Anne Thomas for recruiting at least half the dinner guests at Ted Hartley's party. Income was close to \$500,000 including \$72,000 in book sales, \$23,000 in tickets just sold at the door, \$123,000 from 22 dinner parties and \$150,000 from sponsors and donors. We had close to 100 authors this year. The Children's Fair was also a success the following day. The Hamptons Film Festival used the tent to show a movie accompanied by a live orchestra on Monday night.

President's Report: Brooke announce that the budget vote is September 23rd, the same day as the parade celebrating the Town's 375th anniversary.

Treasurer's Report: Dennis reviewed the financial sheets with the Board. A motion to accept the draft management report and the disbursements was made by Chip Rae and seconded by Diana Deichert—passed.

YTD as of 7/31/2023

Total Operating Revenue	\$2,569,240
Total Operating Expenses	\$1,951,964
Operating Surplus	\$ 617,276
Net Transfers	\$ 539,000
Net Surplus	\$1,156,276
Operating Disbursements	\$ 256,278.64
Other Disbursements	\$ 987.98
Total Disbursements	\$ 257,266.62

Reel Video Project: Anne Thomas reported that there will be a meeting at 10:00 on Monday with Dennis and Brooke.

Book Sales: Debbie Walter reported that there are lots of book donations to sort through and all of the new Author's Night books.

Director's Report: Dennis reported the following:

1. Dayton submitted a competitive quote for our property insurance and said that an Industrial Appraisal should be done.
2. At the free Children's Fair we made \$14,000 in book sales. We went through 155 gallons of water, 400 peaches, 600 donuts 800 grilled cheese sandwich halves and 600 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. The line at the BuddhaBerry ice cream truck was long the entire time.
3. Dennis met with potential donors who are willing to help fund the new construction project in the Young Adult area. The Dennis showed pictures of what the new front door and lobby project might look like, designed by Lee Skolnick.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:09, motion by Brooke Goren and seconded by Chip Rae.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Walter