**Stony Creek Free Library**

**Board of Trustees Monthly meeting – Minutes for September 10, 2024**

**Attendees:** Ronda Thomas, Jill Diamond, Doreen Ryan, Ed Lowell, Sandy Watson. Excused: Adrian Bode

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer, Ronda Thomas, @ 6P. Doreen made a motion to accept the Aug. Minutes, 2nd by Ed, vote done and motion carried, Minutes were accepted.

**Financial Report**: *General Fund*; $55,859.11. Tax claim Voucher will need a ranking Board signature, Ronda will ask Adrian and if she is unable, then Ronda will sign. Profit and Loss report pending.

**Director’s** *(Interim***) Report**: See copy (hard copy and online). While fair success with programing noted in August, the present calendar is in some limbo, with the exception of Fall-In-The -Creek (10/5/24), NYS Library’s Great Give Back Day (10/19/24)-our local Library will use the theme, “SCFL Book Lovin’ Cold Weather Care Packs”. Also, there are plans to see if association libraries are eligible for State Aid, re: building/construction funds. Potential project – roof repair/replacement. SCFL will take part in National Voter Registration Day (9/17/24). Stats show some fewer totals as the summer was winding down, school beginning, and our seasonal population was returning to their primary residences.

**Fundraising:** on hold with exception of donation jar available at events and Book Nook sales. Ideas for Fall-In-The-Creek; check availability and cost of “puppet people” (Ronda), Treat bags, - pumpkins/decorations, - Pond Study and pollinator plants with county SWCD Staff, - Gallery will be open- Bounce House(s) (Ronda has contact info), - Coordination with Historical Society & Dean Farm Open House/Token Challenge/sale of T-Shirts, Totes, etc. from the Chamber of Commerce, - possible hay/wagon rides (Doreen will ck with Tony Lomenzo & Ed will check costs etc. with Rick Vance). Food ideas; pizza from Mkt Place? Brownies (Doreen), apples, cider donuts, juice/water. Ronda will ck with *Chronicle* abt. Ad. Jill will talk with Jen Doll abt. Pumpkins. Some Trustees will be available to aid Jill during set up and the event.

**Buildings & Grounds**: Ed reached Michaels Heating & Cooling (see copy of estimate). Ronda made a motion to have furnace check and cleaning for the Gallery and Library, Sandy 2nd the motion. Board voted to agree to accept costs of such @ the quoted price of $235 per building. More work is to be determined after the initial cleaning is done, to see if that corrects issues with the thermostat, etc. Follow-up results to be discussed at the Oct. mtg. Ed will continue with mowing. Sandy will check with Sue B. to see if she has dates in mind for painting. Ronda will share contact info with Jill for NY Fire & Signal about the extinguishers.

**Correspondence and Communications**: Doreen will “friend” Ed to be sure he gets on the Board’s Messenger thread. Corresponding Secretary is excused tonight, no new info. Jill has sent thank-you notes and follow-up reports to the Lake Placid Ed. Foundation about the use of the grant money.

**Old & Unfinished Business**: It appears issues with Gallery lights may be in the switches vs bulbs. Old tech equip. needs to be removed. Ronda made a motion to return eligible equip. to SALS, Sandy 2nd motion and it was carried. Ronda has latest data about OCC Tax requests (with expense estimates). Jill said a program about the old town Schoolhouses is in the works with Cindy Cameron & Hope Colson. The Library & Gallery keys have been returned from Jen & Lisa (former Pres & VP). Election of new VP& President – Doreen Ryan accepted nomination for VP(motion made by Ronda & 2nd by Sandy) vote done and motion carried. Ronda nominated Adrian be advanced to President and Sandy 2nd it, vote held while Adrian in abstencia and she was elected upon condition of accepting the position. It was decided the offices of Corresponding and Recording secretaries could be combined and Sandy accepted the position.

**New Business**: “Off- Season Hours” began 9/2/24 and have been working thus far. We will continue to review & revise as needed. Jill share links for Trustee training, as Board members will reach their obligation via on-line on each one’s own time. School Tax claim voucher is pending.

**Adjournment:** Sandy made a motion to adjourn and Ronda 2nd it. Meeting was adjourned @ 7:16P.