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Board of Trustees October 13, 2021

PRESENT: Fred Wobrock, Jr.; Evelyn Greenstein; Yvette Terplak; Lisa Scoons; Jackie Marino; Scott Wyner; Susan Keitel; Arlene Way; Camille Engel; Marcy Savage; Jill Dugas Hughes; Anthony Repicky
Absent: Antonio Booth
Excused: Tara Ricard
UHLS Staff: Tim Burke; Jona Favreau

4:37 PM – Virtual meeting called to order by S. Keitel, Vice-President.

I. MINUTES

MOTION: M. Savage moved to approve the September 8, 2021 Minutes. C. Engel seconded. Unanimous.

II. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

T. Burke highlighted the following in his written report:

- 2022 UHLS Budget: Jona and I have been working on a draft 2022 budget for UHLS. We've shared an early version with the Finance Committee and before the end of this week, the entire board will get a copy, including a budget summary. YTD totals will also be included.
- UHLS Racial Equity Committee: At the October meeting, the DA approved a recommendation from UHLS to transform the ATF to the UHLS Racial Equity Committee (REC). Tim and Mary met with an outside consultant to discuss anti-racism training for boards and member library staff members that will begin in 2022.
- Trustee Training Handbook Book Club: Not included in the report but worth mentioning - earlier this week Tim shared information regarding this free program. There will be three sessions if you'd like to attend.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

F. Wobrock noted that there's little to share on the September Treasurer's Report, as nothing changed from the previous month. We are "in the black" compared to last year at this time. Taking a look at the Purchase Journal, UHLS paid for the repair of a pump in the staff kitchen, CBA and CL funds were distributed directly to APL and the first installment of the plowing contract has been paid. A. Repicky asked if other libraries are eligible in becoming the central library. T. Burke explained that this is a long standing agreement and the funds distributed to

them are dictated by the Central Library budget / committee, which tells them specifically how to spend the funds to benefit all of the member libraries. A. Repicky noted that there were a number of entries to OverDrive, how is this content dispersed? The ordering process can be a little cumbersome for the smaller member libraries, so UHLS offers the service of purchasing on behalf of them if requested and we then invoice the individual member library.

MOTION: The Finance Committee moved to adopt the September Treasurer's Report and Purchase Journal. Y. Terplak seconded. Unanimous.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS

VI. TRUSTEE REPORTS

- COLN (M. Savage): The William K Sanford Town Library is continuing to work toward normal hours and expanding their weekend hours.
- VAFL (J. Marino): The Valley Falls Free Library coordinated with several Rensselaer County libraries to have a presence at the Schaghticoke Fair, with about 100 visitors to the booth. They have begun the process of opening an endowment fund. They will be celebrating their second anniversary of the building addition on November 20, from 1-2PM. There will be a community gathering with snacks and remarks. A time capsule will be closed at this time – to be opened on their 10th anniversary.
- ALTM (Y. Terplak): An oral history project has been taking place throughout the village in conjunction with the museum. On Sunday there will be a walking tour of the village. A community member wrote a book about ghosts!

MOTION: Y. Terplak moved to adjourn. A. Repicky seconded. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 5:12 PM.

11/1/21 J. Favreau