

Valley Cottage Library

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Annual Meeting of the Valley Cottage Library Association Wednesday January 18, 2023

MINUTES

Valley Cottage Library

Board Members Present: Arlette Mooney, President
Frank Dwyer, Vice President
Marge McLoughlin, Treasurer
Michael Mark, Secretary
Herb Lerner, Trustee

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Board Members Absent *excused*:
Kevin Graham, Trustee
Melissa Roy, Trustee

Also attending: Christy Blanchette, Library Director, voting Association Member
Ashley Maraffino, Library Assistant Director, non-voting

Voting association members in attendance: Ashley Guattery, Mary Mark,
Richard Mooney

1. Call to order -

Meeting called to order at 7:32 PM by Frank Dwyer, Vice President.

2. Public Comments –

Mary Mark expressed appreciation for services provided by the Library.

3. Approval of Minutes -

Moved by Arlette Mooney and seconded by Marge McLoughlin
To accept the Minutes of the January 19, 2022 Valley Cottage Library
Association Meeting.
Motion passes 9-0

4. Comments from the Board President - None

5. Director's Report – on file for review.

Approved January 17, 2023

6. 2023 Operating Budget – presentation and vote

Christy presented the Operating Budget for 2023. Funds for the budget have been approved by previous public vote. The presentation laid out the proposed allocation of those funds.

Frank Dwyer moved and Michael Mark seconded the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Director of the Valley Cottage Library, the Association of the Valley Cottage Library accepts and approves the proposed budget allocation for fiscal year 2023.

Motion passes 9-0.

7. New Business -

Election of two (2) trustees, each to a 5-year term. Terms end 2028 –

Marge McLoughlin nominated Frank Dwyer to serve as Board Trustee for a 5-year term. Arlette Mooney seconded the nomination. No other nominations were submitted.

Vote to elect Frank Dwyer Library Board Trustee. Yes: 9 No: 0

Michael Mark nominated Herb Lerner to serve as Board Trustee for a 5-year term. Marge McLoughlin seconded the nomination. No other nominations were submitted.

Vote to elect Herb Lerner Library Board Trustee. Yes: 9 No: 0

Approval of Amendments to Association Constitution and By-laws –

A committee was established by the Valley Cottage Library Board of Trustees to look at the Constitution and bylaws of the Association, and to make recommendations for any changes. The recommendations were presented to the Association at the Annual meeting for consideration and vote.

Herb Lerner moved and Marge McLoughlin seconded the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Association of the Valley Cottage Library accepts and approves the following amendment to the Association Constitution:

Add new:

Article VI: Permanency of the Association

This body shall not have the power to dissolve itself if there be seven (7) dissenting members.

Motion passes 9-0

Marge McLoughlin moved and Herb Lerner seconded the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Association of the Valley Cottage Library accepts and approves the following amendment to the Association By-laws:

Association By-Laws, Article II, Meeting, Section 1

Delete the last sentence of Section 1 and add new language to read as follows:

The President of the Board of Trustees shall have the option to call a Special Meeting should a situation(s) so warrant. In the event that an annual or special meeting be postponed, appropriate notice(s) shall be posted in accordance with the law.

Motion passes 9-0

Arlette Mooney moved and Marge McLoughlin seconded the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Association of the Valley Cottage Library accepts and approves the following amendment to the Association By-laws:

Association By-Laws, Article II, Meeting, Section 2

Delete current Section 2 and replace with the following:

Section 2. To hold an Association meeting, there must be a minimum of seven Association members present. A majority of Association members present will constitute a quorum. At the opening of an Association meeting the President shall take an official count of those members present to establish a quorum number which will be recorded in the minutes.

Motion passes 9-0

Arlette Mooney moved and Marge McLoughlin seconded the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Association of the Valley Cottage Library accepts and approves the following amendment to the Association By-laws:

Association By-Laws, Article III, Trustees, Section 2

Amend to include third sentence below:

Section 2. The nomination and election of a trustee or trustees shall be held during the Annual Association Meeting each year. Any Association member desiring to be nominated for the position of trustee must submit their name and intention in writing to the Secretary of the Board no later than the December 31 prior to the Annual Association Meeting. Eligible Association members, who have complied with the foregoing, may be nominated orally from the floor and each requiring one seconder. Write-in votes, proxy voting and absentee balloting shall not be permitted. Newly elected trustee(s) shall be installed immediately after said election. Current trustees shall remain in office until the conclusion of their respective term(s).

New Section added:

Section 2a. The election of a trustee or trustees may be held by secret ballot at the discretion of the Chair during the Annual Association Meeting each year.

Motion passes 9-0

Marge McLoughlin moved and Arlette Mooney seconded the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Association of the Valley Cottage Library accepts and approves the following amendment to the Association By-laws:

Association By-Laws Article IV, Parliamentary Procedure

Delete the current language in Article IV and replace with:

The Rules contained in Roberts' Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern the Association in all cases where they are applicable, in accordance with the Law and consistent with the By-Laws of the Association.

8. Call to Adjourn

Moved by Marge McLoughlin and seconded by Arlette Mooney

to adjourn the meeting

Motion passes 9-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Mark, Secretary
Valley Cottage Library Board of Trustees