

# The Elizabeth B. Pert Library, Route 414, Hector, NY



DATE: February 27, 2025

Present: Bobbi B., Nancy D., Kylie R., Ella P., Andrea N., (Tom P. by phone)

Meeting open 6:30 p.m.

Additions to Agenda: Bobbi B. stated that Jodi Kennedy from Consumer Energy called and wants us to look at them for energy supplier and will call back. It was discussed among board members and decided that we would stay with NYSEG.

Secretary gave report on minutes of last meeting. It was accepted.

Treasurer reported that she met with our bookkeeper. Gave us a copy of her report. She is trying to have a running balance and to put in correct categories. The bookkeeper reports are much more complicated. We can't move out of Paychex at this time. Quickbooks is confusing. Bobbi stated we used them at one time and agreed with Nancy D. not user friendly. Nancy D. is waiting on IRS forms and Unemployment Insurance #s. Tom added that someone like Rebecca (bookkeeper) is needed for now.

Director report – She submitted grant to United Way. Submitted annual report for Reading Center for the last time. Andrea N. stated Carol Mikoda asked if she could do a writing course which would be an adult program and we could get a grant for. It would need to be in April – June. Maybe we could do a 4 week course. We need to remember that people in the area are busy during the warm weather so maybe check to see if we could do this program in fall. There is a book signing on April 12 at 10 am at the Montour Falls Library. The book is Freedom Village a Memoir by Mary Rosenberger. It is part of our local history. Many thought Freedom Village was like a cult. Andrea N. asked if we would like to send a representative. Kylie R. said she would go and we could pick up cookies for event.

The Wine and Tea Party being held at Atwater Winery on March 16, 2025 was discussed Chris Miller who was setting it up said not many tickets have been sold. Tickets could be purchased online and it was stated that many local seniors that might be interested don't go online. It was suggested that Andrea N. contact Chris M. and suggest more advertisement. At this time it was brought up the printer that Tom P. purchased at Walmart is not working correctly. Tom P. stated that he kept receipt so just return it.

Issues to Address: Lighting in Library. Tim D. is going to help by replacing bulbs that need to be replaced. Other suggestions were to add more lights but because of major expense that was tabled at this time. Bobbi B. stated she was waiting on Bob Hansom about the new conference table and the shelving for along the back wall. The playground project – Bobbi B. has talked to Mike Hicks about getting going. Kylie R. stated they have people working on mapping it out. The ground needs to be leveled. Bobbi B. stated she had looked into rubberized material for under the playground equipment and she had also researched equipment. Kylie R. stated the Hector Foundation was involved in setting

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up the playground. Bobbi B. stated the library stated the idea of the playground and has funds to help with it and wants the library to stay involved. The playground needs to be accessible to all. The VHL Fire Dept wants to lease the land because of liability. Hector Library would like to have representatives of the Hector Foundation meet with us at one of next meeting. Kylie R. stated that could be arranged. Perry Ground has not gotten back to Bobbi B. about the Native American Program and he told Bobbi B. the Dance Group was not part of what he does BUT gave Bobbi B. names of dance groups but did not give her contact information.

Kylie R. reported on the Hector Family Affair – Native American group will be there for kids. They have several people scheduled and they are going to have crafts as free flowing. There will be Teen Programs. Looking into more Inflatibles that will appeal to all ages. Such as Basketball.

WG Central School Vote 2025 – Our obligations: We need to get finalized budget to them by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 even though ours is not changing. By March 21<sup>st</sup> legal notices and others must start and we must share in the expenses resulting from that. We need to send someone to the public hearing as a representative. We need to make copies of our budget for Jan1-Dec 31, 2026 to be placed at our library and at the Watkins Glen Public Library for community members to pick up if they choose to. April 21-25 Board Budget Hearings. We need to put out a sign to advertise to the Public about the Vote – when it is and where it is. On the day of the vote May 9<sup>th</sup> we need to send people to be poll watchers.

Charter: The charter came in the mail yesterday. Bobbi B. will read and make corrections. We need 5 signatures and to have them notarized after the charter is correct and those signatures will need to be notarized. Tom. P will be out of town so we will have to see how to get his signature and get it notarized if he is out of area.

Policies – We have time to do these but would like to get going on them. Kylie R. did a lot of the policies and offered to send them out to board members. Some of our members do not have access to computers and printers at home, so Andrea N. offered to make copies and let members know when she has them ready to pick up. All members of the board will review policies and our next meeting at the end of March we will spend going over policies.

Adjourned meeting at 8 pm.