Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM. Attending: Director Jeff Weiss, Board Members Linda Vermillion, Mary Jo Mazzella, and Lisa Lewis in person. Board President Curtis Francis and Jessica Whitney attended by Zoom. Jeff Weiss led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Consent Agenda

3.1 Secretary-Treasurer’s Report

3.2 Presentation of Bills

3.3 Approval of Minutes: September 16, 2021

Director Weiss presented the bills and Treasurer’s Report. He noted that the library was paying bills from the grant for items to improve Heritage Park (solar device chargers and picnic tables). The Treasurer’s report was received late from the bookkeeper, so Weiss stated that they could delay approving it until the November meeting. Lisa made a motion to accept the minutes and bills to be paid, but table the financial report until November. Mary Jo seconded. Motion passed.

Director Weiss noted that the library has an additional $50,000 in cash on hand compared to the same month in 2020.

Old Business

1.1 Reopening of Library: Library Hours Expanded. In Person Programming.

The library is fully open with regular hours. Many of the regular groups who used the meeting room are meeting there again. The library is considering trying to have storytime in the meeting room again because the weather is not conducive to having storytime in the park. Jessica suggested having multiple storytimes to accommodate everyone who wants to attend. Pre-pandemic, the library had 2 storytimes and each had 20-30 participants.

1.2 Columbia County Reads with ALA Community Conversations Final Events

Director Weiss discussed the final events for Columbia County Reads in 2021. There is one virtual event for children with OMSI scheduled for Saturday and there are adult events scheduled for November 3rd and 4th. The event on the 3rd is a virtual book group. The event on the 4th is produced in conjunction with
the Columbia County Museum Association and will be on hidden figures of Columbia County. Kathleen Ward will be presenting a program about her mother who ran the Sentinel-Mist newspaper in the county for decades with her business partner and started KOHI radio. Brandon Sundeen is presenting for the Museum Association and coordinating with Mrs. Ward.

1.3 Library Mural Progress Report
The mural project is complete except for the clear coat.

1.4 State ARPA Grant Progress
Park improvement items have been ordered. Picnic tables and solar device chargers have arrived. Emily has been in contact with the social service organizations in the county to discuss their needs. One immediate need common to the organizations was for care packages for children in crisis. The library has agreed to spend part of the grant to make these care packages. The packages will be a backpack with a stuffed animal, a book, a flashlight, and other small items the child can keep and first responders can have with them to give out on calls. Emily has also been in contact with the local schools to see what we can do to assist them and we will purchase a number of OBOB books, Spanish language books, and other items for their libraries. We are doing this for all area schools, including the Family School which is for the home school community.

1.5 Strategic Plan Discussion
Director Weiss presented the full strategic plan (attached). The board decided to discuss the action steps that have been started or completed. Each action step was read and agreed to for inclusion by the board. For the Library of Things action step, Director Weiss noted staff discussed this step at the last staff meeting and thought having equipment available for people to convert their analog items to digital and photos to digital.

2.0 New Business
2.1 Librarian’s report
2.2 Motion to Accept and Implement Strategic Plan.

3.0 Other Business

4.0 Future Agenda Suggestions.
4.1 November is Officer Election Month.
4.2 Meet in December?

5.0 Board Comments

6.0 Adjourn.