Putnam Valley Library Board Minutes April 18, 2022

Attendees:

Trustees: Terry Raskyn, Beth Appel, Jodi Carlson, Cori Madrid, Janet Dolot, Leslie Martin, Ginger Lefurgy, Marilyn Power

Acting Library Directors: Joan Stubbs, Sarah Antoinette

1. Minutes of the March meeting were approved unanimously.

2. Treasury report: The library budget for 2022 has been finalized. Both income and spending are as expected and in balance.

3. Directors report:

Sarah Antoinette and Joan Stubbs are serving as co-acting directors.

The directors raised the possibility of hiring a grant writer. Sarah and Cori will screen potential hires.

Sarah is continuing discussions about the possibility of installing a heat pump system at the library. She is currently awaiting cost estimates. In the meantime, the Board agreed to pay Thermodynamics to service the existing HVAC system, and diagnose the one non-functioning unit.

The library is considering a subscription to ancestry.com.

The library has begun offering Digital Navigator services, with library patrons able to make appointments for help with tech questions.

The Board discussed again opening up the community room for rental by outside groups, in the post-pandemic period, with consideration of fees and/or possible donations for use.

4. New Business:

The Board made recommendations for edits of the Handbook entry on vacation time for clarity and equity.

The Board conducted a Zoom interview of a candidate for the library director position, and adjourned for an executive session discussion of the director search.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Power