

Board Members Present: Joan Taraskowitz, Rebecca Cartabiano, Elaine Newcomb, Kathy Ryan, KarenAnn Caldwell

Directors: Deb Linares, Hope Gove

Called to order: 7:33 PM

Presentation of BOF budget vote. The Library asked for 297,000, BOF cut 43,000 and left the Library with a budget of 254,000. The number was obtained by Pete Tanaka as a 5% increase, while Stef Summers came to the same number (numbers were less than \$1000 apart). Stef Summers came to her number by removing the requested amount for a programmer (\$18,000), looking at revenues for the last year. The revenues looked larger than normal due to a \$15,000 grant, though the Library applied for that for very specific reasons.

Stef Summers stated that she was under the impression that when the Library Board approved the Co-Directors, that Deb Linares would still be doing the programming. Last year \$13,000 was budgeted for a programmer but never hired, which may indicate to BOF that the programmer was not needed.

There is still an issue with people outside of the Library understanding that the 2 Co-Directors are not costing more than a single Director plus an Assistant Director or Programmer would cost.

BOF commented that the Library and the Board were not doing what they were supposed and the Library ran better under other Directors.

Though the BOF said part of the money they were removing was the programmer salary, they cannot remove line items, that is up to the Library, so the Library now must decide where to cut that \$18,000. At a previous meeting the BOF brought up, again, the \$25,000 that they said was left over from the last year budget, though they had received paperwork showing there was not, in reality, money left over. That was sent in addition to payroll and a copy of the budget request.

A thank you to Christina Mailhos for her comments on supporting the Library.

BOF said at a previous meeting that the Library had not done a good job with investing their money and recommended a fiduciary review the funds. USA Financial had been at the Library in the previous weeks, and a request was made to aske the representative to come to the next regular meeting.

A list of previous programs was requested by the Board.

Discussion needs to continue on the best ways to increase revenues. It was suggested that \$14,000 might be doable from various sources.

The suggestion was made to have a hybrid meeting at the next regular meeting on April 12.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:36 PM

KarenAnn Caldwell
Chair

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