

**Croton Free Library**  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 11, 2019

**PRESENT**

Trustees: Leslie Ellis (19), Marianne Merola (22), Sharyse Eisinger (20), Mary McFerran (21), Adora Lam (20), Barry Feinberg (23), Susan Ranis (19)

Croton Library Association: Karen Zevin, President

Library Director: Jesse Bourdon

Public: Community Resident Jane Beller

**ABSENT**

Trustees: Sid Franks (22), Lynn Kauderer (23)

Call to order: Leslie called meeting to order at 7:35pm.

February 2019 minutes approved.

**Updates**

- Director's report on library material circulation statistics was reviewed.
- E-book checkouts continue to trend upwards.
- Teen attendance is higher than same month last year due to increased programming.
- Adult attendance increase is attributed to Croton Reads screening events attendance.
- The annual report is projected to be ready for Board approval by April 8th. Shelf Life is anticipated to be complete before May 10th. There was a suggestion for the Communications Committee to meet regarding Shelf Life.
- Migration to the open source Interlibrary Loan System "Evergreen" is going smoothly. Jesse is closely overseeing the details and will monitor the manual operations component scheduled next.
- The Library thanks Tim Robinson for his donation, and thanks Mary, along with Sharyse and Adora, for their help regarding his art exhibition. Jesse and Mary have finalized a letter that will be sent all artists who had an exhibition in 2019. That letter will also serve as a tax receipt for those artists who made a donation to the library.
- Jerry Pinkney has agreed to create an image for new library cards. There will be a future discussion about whether patrons will have an opportunity to "upgrade" to the new Pinkney image library card for a fee.
- Check registers will be presented at each monthly Board meeting for board approval. The register for February was voted on and approved.

## **Committee Reports**

### Finance Committee

Jesse reported on organizational aspects of the budget report.

### Croton Reads

The board thanks Marianne for her leadership and work in creating this year's successful program. The board also extends thanks to Jesse, and to Mary Bernal. Marianne suggested exploring how the Library could create a more permanent way to honor Lorraine Hansberry in the future.

### Art Committee

Marcy Freedman's work is currently on exhibit in the Ottinger room.

### Ad Hoc Committee

The committee's activities to date include evaluating the Library's charter, number of trustees, bylaws, and trustee manual. A sub-group of the committee met with a representative from WLS for additional information.

## **Association Report**

Karen reported that the Association asked Jesse to inquire if Jerry Pinkney would permit the image he creates for the new library card to also be used for the Association's annual drive mailings. The Association will work with Mary to see if other local artists are interested in having their work featured in annual drive materials. Karen asked the Board to forward information on new and retiring trustees in advance of the upcoming Association annual meeting. Spring Book & Bake sale is scheduled for May 18-19.

## **Old Business**

Lynn and Sharyse will investigate if the Croton Yacht Club is feasible for the Blue Sky meeting in June.

## **New Business**

Barry suggested investigating what would be required to upgrade the sound system in the Ottinger room. This concern was prompted by problematic audio during the recent Croton Reads film screenings.

## **Public Comment**

There were no comments.

8:34 pm- Meeting adjourned.

Next Board meeting: April 8, 2019 at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Adora Lam