

ROELIFF JANSEN COMMUNITY LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Via Video-conference- Zoom
Tuesday, March 16, 2021| 4:00 p.m.

The Roeliff Jansen Community Library Board of Trustees is comprised of 15 members. Twelve members attended the March 2021 meeting. Board members were very gracious with their welcomes to Janet and Mark. For a sense of the challenges and successes facing the Library, a short summary of topics covered during the meeting follows:

Community Survey

Board members discussed final preparations for its upcoming community survey, as called for by the Library's five-year plan. The survey is used to solicit residents' input on how they see their library's role in the community, especially now as the Pandemic slowly wanes.

Facilities

Plans are in place to convert the building to LED lighting.

Operations

The Library is open 37 hours a week, exceeding minimum standards. Discussion focused on revising the schedule post-Pandemic, i.e., opening earlier and closing later once time spent quarantining books and disinfecting surfaces is reduced.

Strategic Plan

Goal 4 of the plan has the Library serving as an information center for the Roe Jan area. This will be done by repurposing the History Room.

Finance | Fundraising

Municipal stipends were received from Hillsdale and Copake, along with funding from two grants. The Annual Appeal is over, but the Library is still receiving donations with more people contributing more. Reduced mortgage interest will save \$4,800 in 2021.

Despite robust fundraising, public funding makes up less than 35% of the Library's overall budget. This year, the Board will seek 414 funding from all three towns in the Library's service area (Hillsdale, Copake, Ancram), with tailored approaches to Ancram, which has rejected earlier 414 efforts though regularly providing line-item support from the Town's budget.

Notable Upcoming Events

The first outdoor concert of the season will be late April and serve as a fundraiser to purchase a stage for use by outdoor performers.

The golf outing is scheduled for mid-July.

A planning committee will meet to determine the format of this year's "Ungala," due to Pandemic restrictions.