

Pawling Free Library Board Meeting: April 8, 2021 – 6:45pm

Rajene and Ric attended the Pawling Library board meeting. The meeting covered a wide range of operational and strategic issues with all views discussed in an efficient manner. In addition, the board members received an extensive report from the Library Director (Brian Avery) which focused on the programs, circulation statistics, and facility maintenance issues.

Some highlights of issues the board received reports on include:

- A strategic review of re-opening policies
- Financial reports
- Discussion about some facility maintenance issues
- Centennial celebration plans
- Structuring upcoming book sales

Under new business, the board discussed:

- A proposed interior design plan for the new children's room. This item was discussed extensively since it is core to the fund-raising campaign which will be publicly launched in a few weeks.
- The fund-raising campaign for the new children's wing was discussed. The board has raised approximately 40% of the goal (\$150,000) through local grants and contributions from businesses. There is an active committee who are approaching potential donors. The public campaign will be launched on May 22nd at the community centennial celebration.
- The board has a committee planning the centennial event for the library. The event will include a New Orleans style jazz concert sponsored through the library.
- There was extensive conversation regarding the future of the annual book sale. A committee is working on these plans and will report back at the next meeting.

This board is very active, engaged and knowledgeable about the library operations. They maintain successful working committees. Further the director is fully engaged with the board and obviously well appreciated.