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**Minutes**  
**Emergency Meeting of the Board**  
**Via Zoom Conference - 3:30 PM**  
**Riverhead Free Library**  
**May 5, 2020**

**Present:** John Munzel, President; David Friedrich, Treasurer; Janet O’Hare, Secretary; John Rienzo, Trustee; Ruth Nelson, Trustee; Susan Bergmann, Trustee;

**Absent:** Louise Wilkinson, Vice President; Marylin Banks-Winter, Trustee; Annette Totten, Trustee

**Director:** Kerrie McMullen-Smith

**Staff:** Isabelle Gonzalez, Susan Culver, Stephanie McEvoy, Patty Geibfried

**Friends of the Riverhead Library:** Ron Ondrovic, Vice President; Linda Prizer, Rosalie Del Quaglio,

**Community members:** Margaret Perrone

**Emergency meeting called to order at 3:39 pm**

<b>John M:</b>	Do we have an agenda, I don't recall
<b>Kerrie:</b>	So we have an agenda the first is agenda review and approval
<b>David:</b>	I read the agenda and I make a motion to approve it.
<b>Janet:</b>	I second
<b>John M:</b>	All in favor
<b>Board:</b>	All in favor
<b>05.05.20 783</b>	<b>Motion carried</b>
<b>Kerrie:</b>	So the next item on the agenda is the budget vote. The trustee election, I guess if you want to discuss the budget vote first and then the trustee election. We will do it that way?
<b>David:</b>	Good idea
<b>John M:</b>	What do you...
<b>Kerrie:</b>	What’s that?

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<b>John M</b>	What do you call the budget vote status {typing , typing, typing background noise}
<b>David</b>	What is that noise I can't hear?
<b>Kerrie:</b>	Alright, Hold , hold on, Linda is typing
<b>Linda:</b>	Silence me, that's fine.
<b>Kerrie:</b>	Ok, Where are you? Lets see.
<b>John M:</b>	My recollection Kerrie is that you had a conversation with the school board president or someone?
<b>Kerrie:</b>	No, I got an email from Sam Schneider, Deputy Superintendent of Schools asking if we were going to put our budget on the same ballot as theirs because they are going to be doing their budget vote on... what was it June 9th ?
<b>Susan B:</b>	Yeah June 9th
<b>Kerrie:</b>	And I told him that we were going to have a special meeting and I would let him know as soon as possible as to which way we were going to go. I did contact Tom Volz and I did send the email out this morning or early afternoon with Tom Volz's recommendations. There seems to be three things that we can do. We can have the school district conduct a budget vote on the same day as a school districts vote which would be June 9th, or we can ask the school district if it will conduct a budget vote on a date different than the school districts vote and election however the school district is not required to do so and can refuse, and then the third option is to roll the budget over from 2019-2020 fiscal year and not have a vote.
<b>Janet:</b>	Will there be an additional expense for making it on a different date?
<b>Kerrie:</b>	Yes
<b>Janet:</b>	Ok, do you know what that is?
<b>Kerrie:</b>	No, I do not. I got a call actually a little while ago from Sam Schneider's office. Lydia contacted me to say that we have to let them know by Monday if we planned on running our vote with them but if we did not then we would incur an expense if they did run it for us at a different date and time.
<b>Susan B:</b>	Now that's the usual thing too, right? That we incur an expense.

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<b>Kerrie:</b>	Right, so I think you might recall that last year, It was a little over eight grand for them to run our budget vote. I don't know. Based on the fact that they have to mail out absentee ballots to everyone in the community with a return envelope with stamps for them to mail it back to the District Clerk's Office. I don't know how much that would cost for them to do. They didn't give me an amount.
<b>John M:</b>	Well it's gotta be in excess of \$8,000.
<b>David:</b>	This is going to be strictly through mail, correct?
<b>Kerrie:</b>	Yes
<b>Susan B:</b>	Yes....I am really very hesitant to have our budget vote at the same time as the schools because that's, you know, history shows that the one time that we did do that even though it wasn't the same circumstances as now, that's the one time our budget went down.
<b>John M:</b>	Yes
<b>Susan B:</b>	Being that they charge us each year that we do this, the eight grand, I'm just wondering how much more they would charge us for the, you know, absentee ballots through the mail if that's an exorbitant amount. I have a tendency to recommend that we do it on a different day then June 9th whether it's a week later whether it's, you know, the middle of the month or whatever even do up towards the end of the month and still before the fiscal year starts. So I recommend we do that or we just don't have a budget vote and just go on this current year's budget now.
<b>David:</b>	Well in our past discussions didn't we emphasize or basically take a position strongly that we would go with the 2019-2020 budget, just roll it over.
<b>John M:</b>	That's my recollection.
<b>Susan:</b>	Yes, we did discuss that as well which I have no objection to doing... It's just such very challenging times. I think that would send a message to our community that we are kind of looking out for them as well just to keep the budget the same for next year. So I kind of recommend that over I think at this point.
<b>David:</b>	I think that would be the most prudent and safe action that we could take but that's just my opinion.

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<b>Susan B:</b>	John Rienzo - What do you think? Hello, John?.
<b>John R:</b>	I think that the date that you're going to have to do it if we don't do it with the school district, is September 15th that's what the law says there. I don't know if you can just pick another day.
<b>Susan B:</b>	Ok
<b>John R:</b>	<p>If it's what you want, do it and if we are going to stay with the vote that we have a stay with the last year's budget then I guess we don't have to do anything and I guess we're going to save whatever they would charge us because I don't know how they're going to prorate this sending out envelopes because as Kerrie said they have to send it out and has to be postage paid return so that means every voter in a district is costing at least a dollar in postage plus the mailing fee plus if you will the administrative side of doing it so I'm sure that it's going to be quite a few dollars to do it and if we go in with them for this June 9th are they going to prorate charges, I mean, if we put up the budget for that we propose to pass in January and it fails June 9th then we just going to go back to last year's anyhow. But it's a matter of how much the school district is going to charge us? I don't know. I'd like to really know what they're going to, because it's going to be quite expensive. I don't know if it's going to be 8000 dollars for our part which is what we paid last year in which we'd save by not doing it but what is going to be?</p> <p>I mean he can say I've got to have all these people I don't know how they're doing it, hand addressing the envelope? Are they getting a computer printout?</p>
<b>John M:</b>	I think it's pretty obvious that the consensus is that we stick with last year's budget.
<b>John R:</b>	If that's what you want then I'll vote for tha. Then, let's just do it and then we will save all the way around.
<b>David:</b>	Yes the most prudent and the riskless.
<b>John R:</b>	I mean I don't know what you have to do to make that happen because we agreed to have the last, we agreed, we voted on a budget, if we're going to go back to last year's or the current years I guess what are we going to do? Rescind the motion that we had the proposed budget?

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<b>Kerrie:</b>	We don't need to do that. If you recall I sent an email out back at the end of March, that we just have to put out a press release, or statement out to the community that the board met, held a special meeting, and made the decision not to run a budget vote this year.
<b>John R:</b>	Well, if we are going to that, then I recommend we do it at next month's meeting rather than this meeting because I'm not sure if this meeting is really a legal meeting to start with. I know what happened and I know what he (Tom Volz) said in that email. However, if we're going to vote on something, I'd rather do it at a meeting that is either called within three days notice or at the meeting next week cause like its not going to matter. We can say now we're not going with the school district and that's what we'd like to do so we can tell them Monday we're not going with you. We already have five votes so it doesn't really matter what the other people want to vote for.
<b>John M:</b>	I think John's point is well-taken. We can delay this until the next regular board meeting. Which will obviate any questions. You know with the short notice that we have here.
<b>David:</b>	Kerrie does that present any sort of a problem?
<b>Kerrie:</b>	No, I mean I think a motion should be made that I'm going to tell the school district that we're not running it with them, so that I can do that and then at next week at our regular meeting on Wednesday, then the motion can be made that you are going to run on last year's budget
<b>John R:</b>	We already have 5 votes to do that. It's not going to be like you're going to make a decision today and we're going to tell them don't do it and then next week we're going to have a change of heart because that's the way I'm going to vote next week. I don't see any reason to change it.
<b>David:</b>	Me either
<b>Susan B:</b>	Yeah
<b>John R:</b>	It's immaterial because it is going to be a 5 to 4 vote even if they don't like that idea.
<b>Susan B:</b>	That's true.
<b>Janet:</b>	Kerrie, how do you feel about it?

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<b>Kerrie:</b>	<p>Well, I already, you know, I've said in a couple of different emails that I think it would be the best thing to do right now and in these times, is not to run a budget vote because I think that just to give the community a break I know that we talked that it's not really a lot of money every year and I know it's not but I do think that it's in good faith that we aren't going to raise anybody's taxes with a library budget vote. I also think that I would be concerned if we did run an absentee ballot because when people get a ballot in the mail, it's easy for them to just say, well the library hasn't been open for a couple months they don't really need a tax increase and check off no and send it back. You know not everybody is fully aware of everything that we are doing if they don't have the means to get online and look at our website or look at our social media accounts. So you know I do have concerns and reservations if we were to run a vote on an absentee ballot.</p>
<b>John R:</b>	<p>I think Kerrie is right , most people don't go down to the school to vote yes or no for the budget because they forget about it, whatever, it's coming to them in the mail and all they have to do is sign it and put it back in the mailbox. I think you're going to get a much greater degree of participation and I have a feeling you're going to have a much greater degree of people saying no. I don't want to be part of that because I don't think it's going to help us, and for the amount that we're going to raise the budget it's not going to be the end of the world not having it and we are going to save some funds on some of the things that we have done. I mean we can sit down and say how much we have saved on utilities, how much we are saving by not having the budget vote, so there are some savings they may not equal it, but shortly there is some money that is going to be able to be transferred from one line to the other.</p>
<b>Susan B:</b>	<p>Yeah I agree. I totally agree cause we do have that issue with the union with the salary increases that we're bound to do that so I think that you know moving from different budget lines into that can be done and has been done before so I don't think that we should set a precedent about it but at the same time I think that we can make up that money no new books are being ordered, new materials aren't being ordered you know there's different ways to move things around and I think that it does send a really good message out to the community that we've chosen to remain on next year's budget what this year's budget is. So I think that's a very prudent thing to do. There's a lot of positives involved in that.</p>
<b>Janet:</b>	<p>I agree Susan</p>

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<b>David:</b>	So why don't we make a motion to notify the school district that we are not going to avail ourselves of the option number one.
<b>John M:</b>	Is that a motion?
<b>Susan:</b>	Is that your motion John? David?
<b>David:</b>	In so many words
<b>Susan:</b>	Ok , I second that
<b>John M:</b>	All in favor
<b>Board:</b>	All in favor.
<b>John M:</b>	Opposed? No one, so carried.
<b>05.05.20 784</b>	<b>Motion carried</b>
<b>Susan:</b>	So the next thing is the trustees election and I read Kerrie's email that we can have the secretary of the board do a slate , nominate what the slate is because there are 3 candidates, for 3 openings. So basically I think that what Tom Volz office was saying is that we would do this just because of the fact that we are in the middle of a pandemic and we are quarantined and that when we can go back to having an actual election like we have had for the past couple years that we will do so that's the only reason why we are reverting back to handling our trustee election with,you know, at our annual meeting with a slate prepared by the board is because we can't have a ballot election right now we're not able to.
<b>John M:</b>	Right.
<b>Janet:</b>	Right. It is an exception.
<b>John R:</b>	It doesn't make any difference because we have only three people on a ballot. There is no way you could be nominated at the meeting to run and there's no provisions for write ins, so it makes no difference I mean those are the only three people who are able to run and so they are voted in.
<b>Susan B:</b>	Ok
<b>John R:</b>	We are not denying anybody the ability to be a write-in candidate or anything like that because that ability is not there and they didn't avail themselves of the time that we had, to put themselves forth as a candidate so you have three

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	<p>people, you have three openings, it might as well just have one election and we should do it at the May meeting just put it on, we've postponed it from when we had it scheduled in April and we're going to put it on a May meeting and just have the secretary cast one ballot, here's the slate and we are done.</p>
<b>Kerrie:</b>	<p>So here's the thing , next week is our May meeting and what Tom recommended is that he can make the resolution for us to vote on that. We can handle it this way for next week's meeting so then you could do it at June's meeting, put the slate through and say these are the people that are going to be the future board members. I wasn't sure if you wanted to have an official annual meeting after the June board meeting on Zoom because we were hoping that we'd be open and we could have it in the building, or if you just want to call it a regular meeting and have that on the agenda for the regular meeting.</p>
<b>Susan B:</b>	<p>I think having it on the agenda for the regular meeting is good. You know it's streamlining things you know, let's do it at May's meeting saying that, you know, our annual meeting is not, it's just a regular meeting or June meeting whatever it is and just get that done.</p>
<b>Kerrie:</b>	<p>Ok</p>
<b>John R:</b>	<p>I mean If it makes Tom feel more comfortable it just doesn't matter because you're going to be elected, my term is not over till June 30th. If he feels that it's more prudent than we could do it that way and doesn't make that much difference one way or the other and if we have an annual meeting I mean realistically we're going to meet next week and I think we probably should at that time call for a meeting right after the fifteenth because we're going to have to have some understanding of what theGovernor's going to do. The likelihood that Long Island's going to open up May 15th is probably less than zero but I think that we need to at least have a meeting scheduled the 14th in case he does say we are going to open or at least so we can decide officially that it will remain closed or continue the policy we're doing or whatever I don't want to be in a situation where we are here again where we didn't have the time to make the notification so maybe when we have the meeting next week we can say look let's have a special meeting on the 11th or the 14th to schedule if there are changes to the openings of Public Facilities so that we can make a decision as to what we as a board want to do on the 15th or if he says we can open the 16th or if he says it's going to be another two weeks before you can even do anything. So at least that gives us another timeline to say look we need to have another meeting May 28th or whatever it might be because that's when he's going to make the next decision. We don't want to be just saying we will be opening. I know that Kerrie is working on things and we are looking at what</p>



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	<p>the policies are, but we still probably need to vote on it as a board and I like to be ahead of the curve rather than behind it. I mean I think that most of you would agree that opening... him saying Long Island is going to open up on the 15th is not happening.</p>
<b>David:</b>	<p>I agree. I'm not too sure if we're going to physically be able to get together in June.</p>
<b>John R:</b>	<p>Well I understand that. I'm just saying I'd rather when we have the meeting next week which is what the 11th it's Wednesday.</p>
<b>Susan B:</b>	<p>The meeting is on the 13th.</p>
<b>John R:</b>	<p>Maybe before that on the 11th we can plan on having a meeting on the 14th so on the 11th we can say, look we're going to have a special meeting on the 14th and unless the governor gives us his decision before then, we can discuss it at that meeting I would tend to believe that he's not waiting till the 14th to tell Long Island you could open on the 15th. I'm thinking the 9th next Monday he's going to say you're shut down for another two weeks, if that's the case then that's why we can discuss it at the meeting. Just put it on the agenda.</p>
<b>Janet</b>	<p>I have been listening to him, pretty much almost everyday , he is talking about the different phases that are opening . I don't think libraries are going to be in the first couple of phases; it may be like in three or four so I doubt very much that we are going to open right away.</p>
<b>John R:</b>	<p>The first phase is manufacturing, I mean we are way down on the list of things that are going to open, but having said that that doesn't mean you can't change tomorrow when I just don't want to be caught short. Where we can't make a decision and I'm sure that I would like to think that by Monday before we have our meeting he will say Long Island is going to be locked down for another two weeks. Let's have a meeting 10 days from now so he makes the announcement if there's something we have to do we can legally do it as a board and if there's not we can have the meeting or we can have nobody show up at the meeting and it just didn't exist at least we have the option to be able to do that .</p>
<b>Janet:</b>	<p>Yeah</p>
<b>David:</b>	<p>That makes a lot of sense.</p>
<b>Janet:</b>	<p>I think we should also put on the agenda for the next meeting is to start to talk about the reopening of the library and things that, you know, Kerrie may have ideas that she has as to how it's going to happen, ust to kind of knock around a</p>

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	few ideas as far as how we can do social distancing you know how we can get the security guards on board as far as letting people in the building excetera right.?
<b>Susan B:</b>	Yeah
<b>John R:</b>	I sent you all an email from NYLA. Where there is a consortium of all the library organizations basically in the United States: ALA, and special libraries and they're going to try to come up with some protocols and I would like to think that that's going to spread down to NYLA and SCLS and everybody else and one of the differences, certainly we are very much different from an academic library or medical library but they're going to look at some of those protocols on at least I'd like to think they're going to look at them broadly certainly some specific to us at least it would give us some a guideline to work from. We don't have to go with what they say but hopefully they've gone through it and got all the information. They are supposedly coordinating with the CDC, the health department, excetera excetera. It's already a week old the notice that went out and I would hope that they're going to have something shortly. At least, we can look at it. I don't know what they have at a SCLS. I'm sure they are working on it, Kerrie.
<b>Kerrie:</b>	Yes, they are working on something. They have a long-range planning committee with some directors on it and some staff at SCLS and Kevin Verbesey and they are working on a document that will be a guideline for the libraries to use. Not that we have to follow it verbatim but it's a guideline for us to use.
<b>David:</b>	I saw your email on the yellow barn. I think it was 1:18 today? Are we going to put that on the agenda today?
<b>Susan:</b>	For next Wednesday. Yeah
<b>David:</b>	Yes for our next meeting.
<b>Susan B:</b>	For Wednesday. I would also like to recommend at some point that we have a buildings and grounds committee meeting.
<b>Kerrie:</b>	Yes
<b>Susan B:</b>	Whenever you want to, aside from tomorrow, at 3, I have absolutely nothing else scheduled for the rest of this week or next week actually except our meeting next Wednesday. So whenever you think you know we can all get

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	together, it's you, it's me, it's John Rienzo and I believe it's Marilyn Banks-Winter is the other person on buildings and grounds.
<b>Kerrie:</b>	Okay
<b>Susan B:</b>	So if you want to set that up and you know whatever time is agreeable with everybody else I'm sort of you know it's okay with me one way or the other but I think that is something that we should have, and obviously there have been no more proposals sent in or bids or whatever so we can discuss that as well at that time
<b>David:</b>	Kerrie, have you gotten a recent reply from Mr. Snodgrass ?
<b>Kerrie:</b>	No, not as of yet
<b>David:</b>	You haven't got it yet?
<b>Kerrie:</b>	No
<b>David:</b>	He doesn't seem very interested. Does he?
<b>Kerrie:</b>	No he does actually. I think, I explained the reason why he sent his proposal late; it was because he actually did contract COVID-19 and was sick and so did other people in his office so I do believe that he is interested. I just think that he's got other issues that he's he's dealing with as well.
<b>Susan:</b>	Which is understandable.
<b>Kerrie:</b>	Right
<b>John M:</b>	Alright so we're going to take this up at the next regular board meeting.
<b>Kerrie:</b>	Well, I think we need to make a motion that we are not going to run the election and that we're going to have a resolution prepared by the attorney to run it the way we used to years ago.
<b>Janet:</b>	Make an exception to our by-laws.
<b>Kerrie:</b>	Right
<b>John M:</b>	I don't know we need a resolution for that but if you guys want it we can do it. Does anyone want to make the motion to that effect?

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<b>Susan B:</b>	I'll make a motion to that effect, I don't remember all the words {laugh} too much indoor time.
<b>John M:</b>	Is there a second?
<b>Janet:</b>	I'll second it
<b>John M:</b>	Okay, all in favor?
<b>Board</b>	All in favor
<b>John M:</b>	Opposed? No one.
<b>05.05.20 785</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
<b>John M:</b>	And I believe the next thing I had was the yellow barn, we are going to take that up at the next meeting. Am I correct?
<b>Susan:</b>	Yeah
<b>John M:</b>	Buildings and grounds will meet before that?
<b>Susan:</b>	I think that's what needs to be said now, is that we will schedule a buildings and grounds committee meeting before our next regular meeting. Am I right Kerrie? or did you want to put it off till after?
<b>Kerrie:</b>	I think we should try to have one before.
<b>Susan:</b>	Okay
<b>John M:</b>	Does anyone want to pick a day and time or whatever?
<b>Susan:</b>	Let's see ...how about... Do you want to try for Friday May 8th?
<b>John M:</b>	That's fine with me.
<b>Susan:</b>	What about John Rienzo ?

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<b>John R:</b>	I'm good.
<b>Kerrie:</b>	I'm good for the morning.
<b>Susan:</b>	Ok
<b>John M:</b>	Can you notify Marilyn ?
<b>Kerrie:</b>	Yes, I'll send an email.
<b>David:</b>	I have to check my calendar.
<b>Susan:</b>	Do you want to schedule for 10 or 11?
<b>David:</b>	Fine with me , 10 is good.
<b>Kerrie:</b>	So you want me to schedule a zoom meeting at 10 then?
<b>Susan:</b>	Yes
<b>Kerrie:</b>	Ok
<b>John M:</b>	You are going to send out the invitations, Kerrie?
<b>Kerrie:</b>	Yes, I will
<b>John M:</b>	Anything else you want to discuss?
<b>David:</b>	Next on the agenda?
<b>Kerrie:</b>	Period of Board Expression
<b>John M:</b>	Oh ok
<b>John M:</b>	Do any members of the board have anything they want to put out?

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<b>John M:</b>	All right we'll close that.
<b>John M:</b>	Period of public expression. Anybody in there want to talk?
<b>Ron:</b>	Yes, can I please?
<b>Susan B:</b>	Sure
<b>John M</b>	Surprise! (laugh)
<b>Ron:</b>	You shouldn't be, I missed the beginning of the meeting. I had to talk to my doctor. The point and fact is, I don't know if Kerrie mentioned that I did get back to Kerrie as you guys suggested we do.
<b>Susan B:</b>	Yeah
<b>Ron:</b>	I did review the bids which are good for only 60 days. My recommendation now that you are still having to do your machinations or whatever you have to do, is that you request an extension of at least the one bid that I think could be responsive the other bid I think is non-responsive and you can make that determination when you meet as the building and grounds but hopefully Kerrie will show you what I did. I spent a lot of time looking over the two bids.
<b>Kerrie:</b>	Yes, I shared that with everyone yesterday as soon as you sent that. I shared it with everyone.
<b>Susan B:</b>	Yeah I got it , I read it.
<b>David:</b>	I got it.
<b>Ron:</b>	Any questions? Let me tell you one thing the friends are meeting on the 11th which is Monday we are going to be doing some analysis of our budget of our situation of course key to this is when we think the Yellow Barn is going to be up and running and from what seems to be going on now it looks like it's coming up and running this year is not a probability. Is that a reality?
<b>Susan B:</b>	I believe that discussing it at the buildings and grounds committee meeting that that will have on Friday that we can let you know after that what we think about it because I think it one recommendation is that it not be occupied until at least some of the reparations are done or repairs are done so I think right now Ron in answer to your question is ...can we just hold off till Friday?

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<b>Ron:</b>	Sure. Will you let me know Friday ?
<b>Susan B:</b>	I can let you know Friday or Kerrie or whoever.
<b>Ron:</b>	That's this Friday?
<b>Susan B:</b>	Yeah, yeah.
<b>Ron:</b>	<p>That's fine, also, I don't know if, you probably did see the part where I asked for the bidder who we may contract with to make a determination or if they could make a determination if they find that there is a structural defect in the main beam that this is an emergency for the purpose of dealing with the 20K a day issue that John brought up last time. I think that's a wise move because this way we can also get the contractor who we may do business with involved and we will have substantiation for the determination because we as a collective group have no expertise or little expertise with the idea of what is an emergency or not as far as the safety concern. I know we disagree on whether a safety issue is an emergency but I think that the contractor would probably be the tiebreaker in that would be a good way to do it. The other thing that I did recommend is that we put in a clarification to at least the one bidder that is close to being and doing what we want is just put a statement in there as a clarification, is there anything else that we need to have or do that at the end of this contract, when you have given us all the deliverables that will prevent us from having a contractor come and make the repair because what that does is it makes and John Rienzo, you can probably speak to this more than anybody else then you have the thing where the contractor saying yeah well you're not or you don't have this document or you know in order to go and get a town approval you've got to go to the town and get this I want to make sure that you know in our ignorance that we don't exclude something that's necessary so because what it will do or what will happen is if we do go ahead and it's faulty then we're wasting more time. The key thing for us as the Friends as you know is that we need to get money so we can do a wishlist. Without the money we can't do a wishlist so that we're really fighting hard to do that for you and for us as patrons because it helps us as well because we like to go to libraries and we like to attend fitness classes and whatever. So if we can work all together that would be wonderful. I would recommend and I hope that you will recommend to Kerrie now that she asks for an extension of the 60 days because of the Corona situation so at least you don't lose the bids that you have because they'll be up by what? is that the end of this month Kerrie? 60 days?</p>
<b>Kerrie:</b>	Yes

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<b>Ron:</b>	So.... you don't have much time... I mean we don't have much time so I think if you extend them or request an extension and to make it clear, I would certainly make the request for an extension just to the one that's close. Because I think the 1st bidder, VBA or whatever, they were just giving us a Cadillac when we just need a Volkswagen and I don't think that their escalation clause is going to suit us as it will be like a blank check and I think that'll really cost a lot of money.
<b>Susan B:</b>	Okay well before we go any further than that I understand how you feel about the two bids. I understand how the Friends feel about it but it's still a determination that the board and Kerrie have to make, and vote on which one we will be accepting.
<b>Ron:</b>	I totally agree
<b>Susan B:</b>	So once we get to that point with the you know, the schedule of what needs to be done when it's an emergency so I think at this point if you can just hold off for a couple more days until we have the meeting on Friday and then we discuss what we're going to do. Maybe, at the May meeting we can discuss the bids and if we want to vote on it or not I can't answer to the board I'm only one vote but I think that would probably be advisable to do, is to discuss the bids and take a vote on it what we want to do what we want because what we don't want is to actually just put Band-Aids on something that's going to fall down in two years. Our main concern is to make sure that the building is as safe as it possibly can be so I think that once we have that buildings and grounds meeting on Friday that we would be in touch with you about what was discussed and then you can bring that to the Friends meeting and then we'll go further with it on next Wednesday.
<b>Ron:</b>	I certainly understand your procedures and I have no reason to not accept those procedures.
<b>Susan B:</b>	OK
<b>Ron:</b>	I'm just giving you my ideas, that's all.
<b>Susan B:</b>	Sure. Thank you.
<b>Ron:</b>	The other thing. I just had some good news. I don't know how much you've kept up with the Friends. The website has been streamlined and updated it's a lot cleaner, it's a lot better you might want to take a look and also if you scroll down to the lower left side on the homepage there will be a link , it'll bring you to the videos for the travel club and you'll see videos for the trip down the San Juan River, a canoeing trip, you'll also see the Galapagos Islands and you see half of a Vietnam trip at least it's stuff that people do. In addition, we did have



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	<p>some very strong negotiations, you guys understand about negotiations, we talked to John Eyre and we got from him 28 discs from the piano plus concert and I am in the process of going through those discs and burning them and I'm going to hopefully get those up on YouTube as well, so patrons can now have it even after the corona thing and listen to the piano plus concerts and will be able to enjoy them in whenever.</p>
<b>Susan B:</b>	<p>Is that the full history of them?</p>
<b>Ron:</b>	<p>Actually he has another fourteen but it's the history of what he has. Apparently there's some at the library.</p>
<b>Susan B:</b>	<p>Yes there are some at the library.</p>
<b>Ron:</b>	<p>So we don't know about those but the 28 are what he had readily available and the 14 I think are the ones that he really didn't want to lose but when he found out I was going to burn them and give them back to him he was willing to release those. As I was plugging through them we had a very strange meeting in the parking lot where he dropped the discs on a piece of concrete and ran off, and I went to the discs with my mask on and picked them up and I've had it in my truck with me for three days but I think they're safe now, so we're doing ok.</p>
<b>Susan:</b>	<p>At one point when Laurel Sisson and Barbara Hellering were co- presidents they undertook a project to make sure that all the piano plus concerts were on CDs and we had put that in our local vertical files. They could be taken out, but nobody's really taking them out so I do know that as far as my knowledge goes that they are still intact and they are still in the vertical file, the local vertical file.</p>
<b>Ron:</b>	<p>I heard they were in the Long Island room.</p>
<b>Susan B:</b>	<p>They could be.</p>
<b>Kerrie:</b>	<p>Yes they are there.</p>
<b>Susan B:</b>	<p>That's where the vertical local files are now. They are under lock and key and they are safe.</p>
<b>Ron:</b>	<p>I have plenty of things to keep me busy. It would be good to do this in this time frame so people have things to do and hopefully we can keep ourselves busy and not be bored with life which I hope we aren't. Thank you.</p>

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<b>John M:</b>	Any other input from the public?
<b>Rosalie:</b>	I have a question about uh clarification. I am a little confused, Ron this is for you... the wish list? We had a meeting and I was at it as a member of the Friends, and nothing more, and Mary presented the wish list for \$10,000 something, and it was allocated and now you just said that something about ...is this the following years wish list? which makes me think that one is going to be null and void.
<b>Ron:</b>	I didn't say that, I didn't say it wasn't either, but I do say is that things have changed since we approved that wish list and with that, if you saw on our budget we are in the red of some \$12,000 dollars or so but I don't remember the number but we are in the red.
<b>Rosalie:</b>	21 or 22
<b>Ron:</b>	Ok there you go 21,000 thats a big hit and we can't necessarily sustain that kind of a hit and in addition we're suspecting that some of that approval is going to go away because for example the museums are not going to open up for a while I don't think you are going to have Fitness classes for a while so I think there are things that we can discuss that will not happen that we can put back in our budget so we may be able to do..
<b>Rosalie:</b>	Well, I spoke to Mary about that and she said possibly a reallocation of those funds to something the library may need instead of putting it back on the budget.
<b>Ron:</b>	Well putting it in the budget is reallocating , we don't hold our money if we don't have to. So the other thing is that we are proceeding with the...I don't know if this bothers you or not but we did proceed with the art scholarship we decided not to do the music scholarship this year because we don't have the funding but we went ahead with it and we actually had two people that applied for the Arts scholarship and Gena and I had interviews with the two candidates and we will be disclosing our decision at Monday's meeting.
<b>Rosalie:</b>	Okay , Kerrie this one is for you, just a quick one, if you do indeed do an annual meeting at some point you know the Friends usually vote their nominees in at the annual meeting and if you do it or call it one just remind the friends that if you are going to have an annual meeting if you do?

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<b>Kerrie:</b>	Yeah I thought though that we just talked about the fact that we're just going to have our regular meeting and do it right th..
<b>Rosalie:</b>	But I'm saying in the future if you decided to have one you know just to let me know.
<b>Kerrie:</b>	Okay sure no problem.
<b>John M:</b>	Alright anything else? Do I hear a motion to adjourn ?
<b>Susan:</b>	I make a motion to adjourn
<b>John M:</b>	Is there a second to that motion ?
<b>Janet:</b>	Second
<b>John M:</b>	All in favor
<b>Board:</b>	All in favor
<b>05.05.20 786</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>

Meeting adjourned 4:21 PM  
Respectfully submitted,  
Janet O'Hare, Secretary/ ig