
Director's Report

September 10, 2018

Personnel

We received a thank you letter from Rockland County Association for People with Disabilities thanking us for welcoming Edna, whom they placed with us as an intern. I would like to thank Tracy Dunstan, Donna Lightfoot-Cooper and Mike Grella for coordinating with this organization and helping to find meaningful and helpful tasks for Edna to do. Edna is a lovely and hard-working young lady and we were happy to have her.

Buildings and Grounds

We had some tree trimming work done on a maple tree on the Depew property when some branches broke off as a result of a storm this summer. The arborist who worked on it said the tree was in bad shape and could easily fall over with one good storm. I asked him for an estimate, which is attached to this report. I'm hesitant to spend this money at this time, since it's an unanticipated, unbudgeted expense, but I wanted to bring it to the Board for discussion. The new fence around the parking lot is up.

I have submitted the Construction Grant proposal on September 4, and there are two additional documents that need Board approval included in your packet. I have also submitted an application for a building permit with the Village of Nyack.

Meetings and Programs

Our first Carnegie Concert of the season began with a concert from Deni Bonet a pop-rock singer, based in New York City who is also a classically trained violinist. We are having two concerts in September, with Collective Brass on September 21st.

Contract negotiations are continuing. We have met with the Union twice to exchange information and demands and all is proceeding well. I will keep the labor committee informed as we go forward.

The summer programming was a success, with good response in Children's, Teen and Adult Departments. The Fall Bookend is out with a number of new and exciting programs for all ages. We are continuing to collaborate with Hopper House on art talks and we will begin a collaboration with VCS on their Undoing Racism workshops. The Nyack Center is also a partner in this venture. We will participate once again in the Great Nyack Get Together on September 15, so stop by and see us in our Library Tent. We will have a craft for the kids and a Giant Jenga for kids of all ages.