

Minutes of the David A. Howe Library

Board of Trustees Meeting

May 14, 2024

Trustees Present: Nic Gunning, Director, Donald Comstock, President, Tim Colligan, Nora Burdick, Tom Reuning, Nancy Reuning, Treasurer, Emily Peavey, Vice-President, Madeleine Gasdik, Kris Green, Anne Sobeck, Secretary

Trustees Absent: none

Call to Order: President Donald Comstock called the May 14, 2024 meeting to order at 7:30am.

Discussion and Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the April 2024 minutes was made by President Comstock and seconded by Trustee Colligan. The motion carried. (6,0)

Director's Report:

A. Statistics

-Director Gunning noted that total checkouts and digital material usage was up from last year.

Programs

-Director Gunning noted that all things "Eclipse" were very successful!!

B. News from the Library

-In honor of National Library Week, the County Legislators invited County Librarians to attend their meeting.

-Subscription boxes (all ages) continue to be popular.

-The DAHL participated in another very successful Chamber of Commerce Wine Walk.

-Attendance at the Community Meal each month continues to grow. More community groups are getting involved.

-The Summer Reading Program (all ages) is set to kick off June 1st.

-Music on the Lawn plans are underway.

-Tuesdays on the Terrace will be back!

-We were informed that the Evening under the Stars event has been cancelled by the Chamber of Commerce and the WDC.

-The DAHL is working with the WDC on the Taste of Wellsville event again this summer.

-The School Lunch Program is planned for July 8th -August 15th.

C. Department Reports

Youth: The DAHL and the Salvation Army partnered over spring break to provide free lunches for children. Preschool storytime continues to struggle. Kate has outreach storytimes every other week now. Ally and Kate are working on a Pokemon Club for tweens. A digital game night is another idea being considered. They have met with the YMCA to try to organize regular afterschool visits to the library.

Adult: Niki's Poetry Slam event was well attended and the WLSV Sun published the winners.

Malik and Director Gunning recorded a special podcast for poetry month. The Adult Pride Club is considering meeting twice monthly.

Auditorium and Exhibits: Concerts by Spencer LaJoye and Peter Fletcher, part of the Spring Concert Series, had good attendance and went well. The Gallery featured Jessica Borchert's artwork. A Rochester news station came to report on her work and did some filming at the DAHL. The library has hosted three open studio sessions and they have been a hit!

Technology: The library is evaluating its tech needs. The one on one tech sessions are on the rise.

Building and Grounds: Rick reported that both boiler loop pumps have stopped working. He is in the process of getting them replaced. The Pedersons have agreed to do the flower landscaping again this summer and Theresa Brown will be donating some annuals. The fire monitoring system update is underway as a result of the Kelsey Naylor grant funding.

D. Grants and Funding

- Ally applied for a grant to get us a "Little Free Library" from the LFL organization.

- Gary is working on the Manly grant to update some technology.

- The DAHL is planning on submitting an Intent to Apply for the next round of construction grants.

Committee Reports:

- The Building and Grounds committee met to discuss the current construction project and future projects.

- The Administration committee needs to meet to discuss updates to the policy.

Friend's Report:

- The Friends reported a balance of \$10,119.16.
- The "basket of cheer" brought in \$420.00!
- "Dinner for Eight" brought in \$800.00!
- Up-coming fund raisers are the Fly-In Breakfast in June, Gift Certificate Tree in July, possibly a Happy Hour on the Terrace in August and possibly another Dinner for Eight in September.

Old Business:

- We are still waiting for a response from the state regarding the DAHL Charter.
- No new information regarding the finance position that may be available.

New Business:

- Trustee Green will conduct the Trustee Annual Sexual Harassment Prevention Training at our June meeting.
- DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON MAY 21st!!!

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31am was made by President Comstock and seconded by Trustee Green. The motion carried. (8,0)

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Sobeck

Secretary