



David A Howe Library  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Board President Donald Comstock called the meeting to order at 7:33am. The following trustees in attendance Donald Comstock, Mark L Finn, Voni Walker, Geralyn Gough, Laurie Hennessy, Anne Sobeck, and Janice Porter. Trustees Ed Pekarek and Connie Synakowski were absent.

**Discussion and Approval of Minutes** - Motion by Janice Porter, second by Voni Walker to approve January's board minutes. **Carried**

**Director Report** – Director Nicolas Gunning reported on the following items.

- Report on January's statistics and monthly programs
- The Library has been chosen to receive the 2017 EBSCO Excellence in Rural Library Service Award. This is a national award with just one winner. The Library received a plaque and \$1000.00.
- Attendance is up in both the Craft classes and the Book Club.
- Programming through June will be primarily funded with the grant received from the Cattaraugus County Arts Council.
- Further changes have been made to the Youth Room as well as the Picture Book Room to open space up and provide a more welcome environment.
- Planning for the Teen Show has begun.
- The Children's Librarian has revamped the children's area, and will begin Story Time starting this week. Kate will also be running Toddler Time for ages 18-36 months.

- The Library was awarded \$5000.00 from the American Dream Literacy Initiative Grant the money will be used to purchase ESL and Foreign language learning books, audiobooks, DVDs, promotions, and an electronic language learning database.
- Work on upgrading the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor is near completion.
- The new garage door will be installed soon.
- Still working with SmartEdge to get boiler #2 to run properly.
- The Director will be attending an Advocacy meeting in Jamestown with Senator Kathy Young and will attend Advocacy Day in Albany N.Y. on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

**Friends of the Library** – The Friends are once again running their Dinner for Eight raffle. Balance in the Friends accounts at \$18,786.56.

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

**Adjournment** – Motion by Anne Sobeck to adjourn the meeting at 8:34am, second by Janice Porter. **Carried**

Acting Secretary  
Mark L Finn  
Vice President  
Board of Directors  
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