



David A. Howe Library
Board of Directors Meeting
March 13th, 2018

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

Discussion and Approval of Minutes - Motion by Janice Porter, second by Emily Peavey to approve the minutes of the February 2018 board meeting. **Carried**

Directors Report – Director Nic Gunning reported on the following items:

- Circulation statistics were up from February of 2017
- Nic has received LEAD training for active directors since January
- Nic has been asked to chair the Directors Advisory Council for STLS
- Letter submitted to the Wellsville School District notifying them of the Library's request to maintain our current funding level for the upcoming ballot
- Plans are underway for the 2018 Allegany County History Week with the library taking an active role
- The library is working with the Rotary Club on the 2018 Easter Egg Hunt
- Kate, Eric and Nic read to the Elementary school for Read Across America Day
- The computer chairs in the main reading room were refurbished with grants from the Allegany Area Foundation
- Kate and Niki attended a summer reading program on March 8th

Department Reports – Adult Services

- The Jane Austin Book Club is still going strong
- The craft classes are gaining momentum again
- Starting a six week exercise program the second week of April

Youth Services

- Teen Photography classes taught by Marika Kaake begin this week
- PlayStation 4 video games have been added to the video game collection
- The Wacky Science Show was a HUGE hit with over 200 people attending
- Lego Club has doubled since the Wacky Science Show
- The next session of story time begins on March 15th with the focus book of “The Pout Pout Fish” by Deborah Diesen

Technology

- The Hot Spots have been purchased using grants from STLS

Building & Grounds

- Final reconditioning work being done on the HVAC system to close out the 2017 construction project

Annual Report

- The 2017 Annual Report for Public Libraries was submitted to STLS

Personnel

- Student employee Joshua Glass will be leaving the library in March in preparation to head off to college. Job posting for his job has begun
- Floyd Reynolds may be off indefinitely with health reasons. During his absence the library may need to hire an intern. Motion by Trustee Peavey second by Trustee Porter to use Walker Business services to find a temporary replacement. **Carried**

Committee Reports – No report

Friends Report – The Friends have asked each board member to sell 20 tickets to benefit their “Dinner for Eight” raffle. Balance in the Friends account at \$20,065.37.

Old Business – No report

New Business – Discussion on flowers and flower bed maintenance for the upcoming season. Several trustees will field quote from different businesses for financial numbers for review at the next board meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35am by Trustee Sobeck, second by Trustee Hennessy.

Carried

Mark L Finn
Vice President
Acting Secretary