



**Minutes of the David A Howe Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 9th 2019**

Trustees Present: Donald Comstock, President, Mark L Finn, Vice President, Janice Porter, Anne Sobeck, Emily Peavey, Ed Pekerak, and Director Nic Gunning.

Trustees Absent: Voni Walker, Treasurer, Connie Synakowski, Secretary and Laurie Hennessy.

Call to Order: President Donald Comstock called the April 9th, 2019 meeting to order at 7:30am

Discussion and Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Trustee Porter and seconded by Trustee Peavey to approve the March 2019 minutes. Motion Carried

Directors Report: Discussion on the following items:

- News From the Library
 1. Circulation and Program statistics reviewed.
 2. Director Gunning working on a plan to remove fines and inactive accounts after six years.
 3. Eric and Nic have interviewed best-selling authors on the Library podcasts.
 4. The Rotary Easter Egg Hunt is expanding to include a partnership with Jones Memorial Hospital, the event is to be held on April 13th, 2019.
 5. Grant submitted for \$20,000 to the Margaret L Wendt Foundation to aid in painting costs.
 6. Nic has been in contact with potential partners and literary agents for the Library's 2019 author visits.

- **Department Reports:**
 1. **Adult Services**

- a. Craft Classes and Book Clubs continue.
- b. The library hosted three events for Women's History month.

2. **Auditorium Up Coming Events**

- a. Andover Ecumenical Choir.
- b. Sorrow Estate
- c. Treasure Island
- d. Crimson
- e. Young Sisters
- f. Mike Randall

3. **Youth Services:**

- a. Teen Photo show will start soon
- b. Eric read Wild Robot to the 4th grade students.
- c. After school classes have resumed with 3 grades.
- d. Eric and Kate attended the Maker's Fair.
- e. I.C.S. book clubs continue.
- f. Most children's programs have been consistently sized.
- g. The library is planning a Passover Storytime with Paige Timberlake from the Genesee Valley School.
- h. The Superhero Party is set for April 27th, 2019.
- i. Sign Language classes continue to be well attended.

4. **Special Collections:**

- a. Work is beginning on a display for History Awareness Week.

5. **Technology:**

- a. The new copier has arrived.
- b. Ken is working with STLS to replace the outdated network switch.

6. **Buildings and Grounds:**

- a. Met with MJ Painting about resuming painting projects.
- b. The Library has reached out to Weavers about the landscaping schedule.
- c. Two steps have come loose out front. Darrell Towsley has been contacted to come fix them. **This step situation fills Director Gunning with rage.**

Friends Report: \$19,868.19 balance is their accounts.

Old Business: Motion by Vice President Finn second by Trustee Porter to add Trustee Emily Peavey as a check signer at Community Bank NA for the David a Howe Library, and to remove Vice President Finn and Secretary Synakowski at Community Bank Na as check signers as their trustee terms are expiring. Motion Carried

Motion by President Donald Comstock second by Vice President Finn to nominate Tom Reuning, Nancy Reuning, and Madelene Gasdik to the Board of Trustees of the David A Howe Library. Motion carried

Adjournment: Motion by Trustee Porter second by Trustee Peavey to adjourn the meeting at 8:59am.

Mark L Finn
Vice President
Acting Secretary
