

Minutes of the David A. Howe Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
September 10, 2019

Trustees Present: Donald Comstock, President, Kris Green, Tom Reuning, Emily Peavey, Vice-President, Madeleine Gasdik, Laurie Hennessy, Nic Gunning, Director, Nancy Reuning, Voni Walker, Treasurer, Anne Sobeck, Secretary

Trustees Absent: none

Call to Order: President Donald Comstock called the September 10, 2019 meeting to order at 7:32am.

Discussion and Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Trustee Gasdik and seconded by Trustee Walker to approve the August 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

Directors Report:

A. Statistics

-Circulation Review

Total checkouts and registered borrowers was down slightly and could be due to Vacationers.

-Program Review

Program attendance down very slightly from 2018, overall remaining steady.

B. News from the Library

-The Farmers Market has been a great success and will continue through to the end of October.

-H&R Block will begin payroll procedures at the DAHL in September.

-Director Gunning, as the chair of the Director's Advisory Council, continues to address the important issues of cost share and digital collections.

-Director Gunning has been invited to speak with a high school class about the importance of volunteerism, to do a radio interview with Bob Mangels on the DAHL, and to do a panel discussion in Corning on the importance of Libraries.

-The STLS Board is meeting here this month and Director Gunning will be giving them a full tour of the DAHL.

-A new outreach program with the Wellsville YMCA is currently being worked on.

C. Department Reports

-Auditorium

Programming resumes with the following:

Theatre---Mike Randall as Mark Twain

Brendan Heaney as Moses VanCampen

The Valley Theatre's *Write Me a Murder*
The Genesee Dance Theatre's *The Nutcracker*

Concerts--Roger Pettengill
Genesee Valley Chorus
Nate and Kate
Creek Bend Band

Lectures--Craig Braack (These will be given during History Week 9/23-9/28)
Jane Oakes
Jim Ball
Bill Burt

-Youth Services

- The Fancy Tea was a great success again this year!
- Fall Story times are underway. Kate has a 6-week theme including activities and crafts.
- Baby Play Date attendance is small but remains steady.
- A 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Party has been scheduled and Kendra Mikols, a local music teacher, will be attending.
- The annual Kid's Halloween Party is being organized.
- Talks of an "early adult" slate of programming are underway.

-Technology

- A new laptop has been set up in Amanda's office.
- The new internet service provider that STLS has contracted with has been very troublesome and Ken will stay in contact with them about this issue.
- Ken has set up tech lab sessions at the Office for the Aging Senior Luncheon that take place the third Thursday of each month. We are waiting to hear on the grant proposal for the hotspot and tablets for this.
- The Podcast continues to grow. Interviews with author J.T. Ellison and comic book legend Steve Englehart are set.
- Work is progressing on the new family tech area. Staffing will need to be addressed.

D. Building and Grounds

- We are awaiting quotes from 2 masons for the terrace repairs.
- The Friends of the Library paid for the professional bee removal from the columns around the cupola. Over 70,000 bees were safely relocated and repairs to the damaged wood were made.
- The painting process is on schedule.

Friends Report:

Account Balance: \$21,272.00

\$4,800.00 was the cost of the bee removal

"Ladles for the Library" November 7th, \$10/ticket includes your choice of a ceramic bowl made by Mark Corwine's students and your choice of various homemade soups made and donated from several local restaurants

Old Business: none

New Business: The annual tour of the DAHL will follow the meeting.

Adjournment:

Motion by President Comstock, seconded by Trustee Hennessy to adjourn the Meeting at 8:12am. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Sobeck

Secretary