

Minutes of the David A. Howe Library

Board of Trustees Meeting

July 13, 2021

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

Trustees Absent: Voni Walker, Treasurer

Call to Order: President Donald Comstock called the July 13, 2021 meeting to order at 7:32am.

Discussion and Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Trustee Colligan and seconded by Trustee T. Reuning to accept the June 2021 minutes. (7 votes yes, 0 votes no, 1 abstained) The motion carried.

Director's Report:

A. Statistics

Circulation

-It was reported that checkouts were up significantly from last year and digital usage was down. Podcast listens were up by 900!

Programs

-A physical count was reported for all program events held. The state is not clear on how digital programming should be reported.

B. News from the Library

-The library reopening is going well. Masks are still required by everyone in the Children's Section but optional for fully vaccinated people every where else in the library.

-The Blind Association held their annual luncheon at the library, as well as, the Wellsville Rotary Club 100th Anniversary Celebration.

-MOTL has resumed but continues to battle the rainy weather.

-Tuesdays on the Terrace is set to begin July 13th with Chelsea's Catering.

-Director Gunning's initial submission for Construction Aid was accepted and he will be presenting to STLS on July 15th.

C. Department Reports

Youth:

-Kids

The Summer Reading Program is going well with 125 listeners/readers signed up. Kate has a balloon craft and experiment planned for what would have been the GWBR weekend. The Friends have funded the Fancy Tea Party which will have a circus theme this year.

-Teens

The SRP is going well with 40 readers. An increase in teen participation at the library has been noted since Ally began.

Adults:

-The SRP is going well with 50 readers and Niki is holding regular book raffles and weekly trivia.

Technology:

-Computer usage has doubled since the library has fully reopened. Ken continues to work on files for access to the NY Historical Newspaper website. Old files and programs that are no longer needed for the DAHL website have been deleted after a STLS workshop.

Building and Grounds:

-The broken auditorium dehumidifier and terrace umbrellas are being replaced. Rick is updating the emergency lighting and replacing the backup battery for the alarm. The front terrace has been power washed and the benches repainted. General Roofing has completed a 2 year maintenance project.

D. Personnel

-Shyana Smith is leaving. The part-time maintenance position will be posted asap.

Committee Reports: none

Friend's Report: The Friends report a balance of \$16,000.56.

Old Business: Director Gunning met with Jimmie Joyce to discuss making a sign for the DAHL lawn.

New Business: After much discussion about the library building usage, it was decided to remain available for public or community events only---not private social events.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 was made by Trustee Peavey and seconded by Trustee Gasdik. (8 votes yes, 0 votes no) The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Sobeck

Secretary