

Minutes of the David A. Howe Library

Board of Trustees Meeting

August 11, 2021

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

Trustees Absent: none

Call to Order: President Donald Comstock called the August 11, 2021 meeting to order at 7:30am.

Discussion and Approval of Minutes: A motion to accept the July 2021 minutes was made by Trustee Colligan and seconded by Trustee Gasdik. The motion carried. (9 yes, 0 no)

Director's Report

A. Statistics

Circulation

-It was noted that checkouts were up substantially. Podcast listens were, also, up substantially.

Programs

-Director Gunning noted that program attendance is improving.

B. News from the Library

-Tuesdays on the Terrace have been very successful this summer. Approximately 70 lunches have been served each week.

-The DAHL staff luncheon given by the Board of Trustees was enjoyed and appreciated.

-The Annual Book Sale went well despite the lack of traffic that the Balloon Rally normally brings in.

-The Summer Reading Program has concluded.

-Ally was a guest speaker at the Wellsville Rotary Club meeting.

-The library book exchange has resumed at Manor Hills but has yet to resume at the jail.

C. Department Reports

Youth:

-The animal portions of the kid's SRP was a hit! Kate is busy organizing the Fancy Tea Party for August and the Halloween Party for October.

-Ally's teen program attendance continues to increase and she has expanded social media to teen Instagram and Tiktok accounts.

Adult:

-Jess has seen an increase in attendance of adult programming. Bad weather forced the rescheduling of the Bollywood Dance Program.

Technology:

-Computer and Wi-Fi usage continues to increase. The new Family Study Space and the relocation of the Tech Lab are almost complete.

Building and Grounds:

-Indoor and outdoor work continues at a steady pace.

D. Grants and Funding

-Director Gunning's presentation to the STLS for construction aid went well and the library was approved for a 50% match.

-The Landmark Society denied all Wellsville projects at the first level. Director Gunning plans to resubmit at the second level when due.

E. Personnel

-More applications for the part-time custodial position are needed. Trustee Peavey suggested reaching out to the Wellsville High School and Alfred State College.

Committee Reports: none

Friend's Report: none

Old Business:

-President Comstock continues to explore ideas for a sign for the Library lawn.

-The Susan Wiggs event that was scheduled for 2019 has been rescheduled for April 8 and 9 of 2022, during National Library Week. The DAHL will be partnering with the Olean Library on this event.

New Business:

-Handicap accessibility was discussed. A wheelchair located at the curbside pickup area was recommended.

-The Wellsville Economic Development Committee contacted President Comstock regarding a potential donation. More information will be coming.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43am was made by President Comstock and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried. (9 yes, 0 no)

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Sobeck

Secretary





