



Regular Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2022

Present: Donald Comstock, President; Nic Gunning, Director; Tim Colligan; Madeleine Gasdik; Emily Peavey, Vice President; Nancy Reuning; Tom Reuning; and Voni Walker, Vice President

Absent: Kris Green; Ann Sobeck, Secretary

Call to Order: President Donald Comstock called the March 8, 2022, regular meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

Discussion and Approval: Motion by Donald, second by Madeline, to approve the minutes of September 14, 2021 carried, 7-0.

Director's Report - Discussion on the following items:

Statistics:

- Circulation Statistics: Noted that January & February, typically, are slower months.
- Program Statistics: Attendance has been good with the varied programs. Noted one comment received for trustees requiring masks – response was that we have been following the school protocol.

News from the Library:

General Updates:

- Working with the Rotary to set-up the annual Easter Egg Hunt set for April 16, 2022.
- Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney of the 23rd District visited the library and was very complimentary and posted pictures and positive reviews on her social media.
- March 2 was Library Advocacy Day. The library participated through providing post cards to send to representatives. Also, Nic attended meetings with Sen. George Borello and reps from Joe Giglio.
- In February, the library hosted a Take Your Child to the Library event with the SPCA. Roughly 80 people in attendance with raffles and crafts for all ages.

- The library wide subscription programs are off to a great start.

Departmental Reports:

Youth Services:

- Ally's passive programming (crafts and things) has been getting a lot of use.
- We noticed more teen hanging out in the space and attending programs.
- We hosted a teen drawing class presented by low Key Comics out of Hornell.
- Kate is continuing her Graphic Novel Book Club for kids.
- Looking ahead, we are prepping for a Super Hero Party, Read with a Rescue with the SPCA and the return of our sign language classes.

Adult Services

- We are seeing growth both in craft classes and book clubs.
- Nikki is looking for new ways to connect as our social media increases.
- Nikki is also now on the Chamber of Commerce Board.

Technology:

- Tech sessions and wi-fi use remain steady
- We are considering when to return i-pads to the common areas.
- We are looking at options for upgrading public computing.

Auditorium & Exhibits:

- The Lincoln Exhibit was well attended with a diverse assortment of people.
- Prof. Ted Murphy will be exhibiting paintings in March.
- Emerald Isle will be performing on March 10, at 7:00pm.

Building and Grounds:

- Rick has repaired the accessible door buttons at both doors.
- The front drains have been cleaned since the thaw.
- The video room floor is being patched and painting is nearly done.
- Nic recommends we discuss a timeline for the upcoming front terrace construction projects.
- Donald reported meeting with Jim Helms, CEO of JMH regarding access for the parking lot of the former Proto Lot and general hospital employee parking. Donald reported there are good relations with the library and hospital and issues will be addressed.
- Nic reported being short staffed as Cary has resigned. Madeline inquired about the requirements as she may have an interested party. In the meantime, the position will be posted.

Annual Reporting:

- 2021 Annual Report for Public Libraries has been submitted.
This will be used as our guide to begin work on the 2021 Annual Report to the community. Discussion followed on the need to mail that report to local households. It was the consensus of Board members that we can provide

hard copies at the front desk for distribution upon request as well as sending via email as requested.

- Emily advised that May 3rd is the School District Budget meeting. Nic will attend on behalf of the library.

Grants and Funding:

- We are pursuing options for auditorium updates through the Manly Grant.
- Jessica received the Community Arts Grant through the Wyoming Arts Council for \$2610.
- Amanda and Nic met with Ed Bysiek to finalize the 2021 audit.

Committee Reports:

Friends Report:

- Planning a Balloon Rally raffle
- Treasury is at \$19,379.

Old Business:

- With regards to the patron for whom has been banned access to our facilities, discussion ensued on the rights of both the patron and the library.

New Business:

- Emily's term of office is due to expire and she has expressed interest in seeking a second term as per the by-laws. Motion by Tim, second by Madeline, to approve her re-appointment for a second five-year term, carried 6-0.
- Author visit, Susan Wiggs is scheduled for April 8, 2022 – details being planned.
- Discussion on the request for the William Underhill family to use the auditorium for some kind of funeral service. Services are under the direction of the J.W. Embser Sons Funeral Home but there had been no mention of a service at the library.
- Donald reported the library received a grant to cover the purchase of 5 fishing poles that we can lend out. The Rod & Gun Club will provide a stand and carrying case.
- Madeline discussed renovations to be done to the former Wellsville Daily Reporter building adjacent to the library property. She requested a letter of support from the Board, Trustees, and any other interested individual in support of a grant the owner is applying for. She will provide a suggested letter.
- Acknowledge receipt of donated items recently from Middaugh Real Estate and the Ludden Family.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before this Board, a motion was offered by Madeline and seconded by Nancy, to adjourn, carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m., carried, 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy J. Colligan,
Acting Secretary