

Minutes of the David A. Howe Library

Board of Trustees Meeting

April 7, 2022

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

Trustees Absent: Voni Walker, Treasurer, Madeleine Gasdik

Call to Order: President Donald Comstock called the April 7, 2022 meeting to order at 7:32am.

Discussion and Approval of Minutes: A motion to accept the March 2022 minutes, as corrected, was made by Trustee Colligan and seconded by Trustee Peavey. The motion carried. (7 yes, 0 no)

Director's Report:

A. Statistics

-Circulation

Director Gunning noted that total checkouts was close to being back to pre-pandemic totals. Digital Materials usage was down a little but still higher than last month.

-Programs

Director Gunning reported that the Emerald Isle Irish Band attracted an audience of around 95 people. The sign language class, once again, is very popular.

B. News from the Library

-All major tax forms are available at the DAHL.

-The Monday Club was welcomed back by Director Gunning.

-Malik was the guest speaker at the Wellsville Rotary Club.

-Director Gunning attended the President-Elect Training for Rotary International in Syracuse.

-Director Gunning has been asked to serve on the Costshare and DAC By-Laws committees by STLS.

-Director Gunning's interview with WQRQ 93.5, a community focus segment, is now available in podcast form.

C. Department Reports

Youth:

-The David A. Meow Programs are a big hit!

-The D&D group has doubled.

-The Graphic Novel Book Club participation is growing.

-The Annual March Book Madness was a huge success!

Adult:

- Great attendance was noted for the Emerald Isle Irish Band!
- A Historical Program featuring FDR is scheduled for April.
- The library held a showing and reception for Theodore Murphy's art.
- Planning for the Annual Teen Photo Show is underway.

Technology:

- WiFi access is up around 800 uses.

Building and Grounds:

- Weaver's Landscaping will be starting in April.

D. Personnel

- Erik Baldwin, a new custodian, has been hired.
- A desk staff position and a student clerk position will soon be posted.

E. Grants and Funding

- Director Gunning has submitted a grant proposal for the front terrace/auditorium repair from the Landmark Society.
- Director Gunning has submitted a grant application through the Foundation for Southern Tier Libraries to fund the DAHL's Subscription Program.

Committee Reports

- The Administrative Committee met.
- A motion to continue a patron ban for 1 year and then to revisit was made by Trustee Colligan and seconded by Trustee T. Reuning. The motion carried. (7 yes, 0 no)

Friend's Report

- The Friends reported a balance of \$19,840.18
- They are planning a gift card tree raffle for Balloon Rally Week.
- They suggested having "Tuesday on the Terrace" coupons made to distribute to donors.

Old Business

- Charter Language vote

Recommended language:

This instrument witnesseth, that the Regents of the University of the State of New York... have amended the charter granted June 5, 1894, to the Wellsville Public Library in Wellsville, New York, the name of which was changed December 10, 1908 to David A. Howe Public Library, so as to provided that the trusteeship now held by Louise A. Brown shall have a life tenure, and after her death be thus held in perpetual, recurring succession by her son, Edward C. Brown, or his heir. If an heir is unavailable to serve in this capacity, a trustee shall be appointed by the board of trustees and serve the term limits as prescribed to other trustees.

A motion to accept the State recommended language for the Charter was made by Trustee Peavey and seconded by Trustee N. Reuning. The motion carried. (7 yes, 0 no)

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26am was made by President Comstock and seconded by Trustee Peavey. The motion carried. (7 yes, 0 no)

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Sobeck
Secretary