

Minutes of the David A. Howe Library

Board of Trustees Meeting

May 10, 2022

Trustees Present: Donald Comstock, President, Nic Gunning, Director, Emily Peavey, Vice-President, Voni Walker, Treasurer, Madeleine Gasdik, Tim Colligan, Anne Sobek, Secretary

Trustees Absent: Kris Green, Nancy Reuning, Tom Reuning

Call to Order: President Donald Comstock called the May 10, 2022 meeting to order at 7:34am.

Discussion and Approval of Minutes: A motion to accept the April 2022 minutes, as corrected, was made by President Comstock and seconded by Trustee Peavey. The motion carried, (6,0).

Director's Report:

A. Statistics

-Circulation

Director Gunning noted that checkouts were up significantly from last year, and digital material usage was 923. -Programs

Director Gunning noted that it was a very busy month at the library. The Susan Wiggs event went very well.

B. News from the Library

-Kate, Ally and Director Gunning attended the Monday Club Tea.

-The Spring Fling and Easter Egg Hunt, held indoors, was a great success.

-Interest in Subscription Boxes for all ages continues.

-The ASL classes continues to be popular for all ages.

-Shrubs from the DEC were given to the DAHL and were distributed on Earth Day.

-Summer plans include the Summer Reading Program, Tuesdays on the Terrace and Music on the Lawn.

-The staff is discussing ways to participate in the Greater Wellsville Balloon Rally and the 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Texas Hot Parade.

-The library has agreed to serve school lunches again this year.

C. Department Reports

Youth: Kate's Read with a Rescue Program is going well. She is going to try the Baby Lap-Sit again. She has planned some small school tours and visits to the Art Show in June. Ally added a teen component to the Easter Egg Hunt this year. She continues to work with the YMCA on possible programs. The Teen Photo Show had 50 total submissions.

Adult: Niki is currently working on a Cook Book Club which has sparked a lot of interest!

Auditorium/Exhibits: The Susan Wiggs Event went very well in Wellsville and Olean. The DAHL will be collaborating with the Olean Library again. Author Wiggs very generously donated back to the Friends after her event. Popcorn is available at events now. The DAHL is working with The Blind Association on this fundraiser for them.

Technology: Ken is working on a grant that will help complete the digital newspaper program.

Building/Grounds: The back terrace tables are being painted to prepare for Tuesdays on the Terrace. Rick is converting two fireplaces in the children's wing into an aquarium and terrarium--Thank you to the Friends for purchasing the materials!

D. Personnel: The DAHL currently needs to hire a Student Library Clerk and an Auditorium Technician.

E. Grants/Funding: Director Gunning received word that the DAHL will be receiving additional construction aid funding which will make a 75% match, the legal maximum. He also received \$1000 from the Foundation to Southern Tier Libraries to help grow the DAHL Subscription Box Service.

Committee Reports: President Comstock reported on the Building/Grounds Committee meeting with Brady Sturm regarding the construction project.

Friend's Report: The Friend's reported a balance of \$19,777.00

Old Business: Sidewalk discussion continues with the Village. Director Gunning attended the Budget Hearing. We are awaiting state approval for the changes made to the DAHL Charter.

New Business: President Comstock and Ken Didion, both representing the Wellsville Rod and Gun Club, will give an instructional presentation on fishing with the new poles donated to the library, by the club, for the children.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52am was made by President Comstock and seconded by Trustee Peavey. The motion carried, (6,0).

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Sobeck

Secretary