

Minutes of the David A Howe Library

Board of Trustees Meeting

April 11, 2023

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

Trustees Absent: none

Call to Order: President Donald Comstock called the April 11, 2023 meeting to order at 7:30am. New Trustee Nora Burdick was welcomed!

Discussion and Approval of Minutes: A motion to accept the March 2023 minutes was made by President Comstock and seconded by Trustee T. Reuning. The motion carried. (6,0) Trustee Sobeck thanked Trustee Gasdik for taking the minutes in her absence.

Director's Report:

A. Statistics

-Circulation

Director Gunning noted that checkouts were down and digital usage was up.

-Programs

Director Gunning noted that "Book Madness" was, again, a success.

Concerts continue to be popular.

B. News from the Library

- The Chamber of Commerce has contacted the library about installing the speaker box for the village clock. We are waiting for more information.
- Tuesdays on the Terrace is in the planning stages.
- Senior staff has begun discussing updates to the Strategic Plan. A committee of staff, BOT, and community members will be formed to help with this project.
- The DAHL hosted and participated in the PLIX Workshop. MIT professionals advised on how to implement creative learning in libraries.
- A library patron has been issued a 90-day suspension. This is not the first issue with the patron.

C. Department Reports:

Youth:

David A. Meow has been the center of several programs that have all gone well. The Annual Book Madness was a great success. The Dungeons and Dragons Club hit a new high. Ally took a group of teens to the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Adult:

Niki's craft classes are growing-the new knitting circle is a hit. An adult Pride Alliance event was held upon request but there were no

attendants, it will be offered again in the future.

Auditorium and Exhibits:

Katherine is finalizing details on the first wedding to be held at the library in several years. She has joined the MOTL committee and is helping to plan up-coming events. The Mystic Twangers and the Andover Ecumenical Choir were successful concerts. The DAHL Gallery has been busy with artist Jessica Borchert's show, the YMCA STEAM Night and the Grace United Church photo show.

Technology:

Gary has updated Director Gunning and Kate's computers. He continues to retire old technology.

Building and Grounds:

Weaver Landscaping will begin this month. Shawn Graham as agreed to remove the stump from the tree that was taken down. The fake coyote (David A. Snarl) donated by Trustee Peavey has helped keep the crows away!

Committee Reports:

- The B/G committee will meet on April 25th with a CPL contractor to discuss the upcoming construction project.

Friends Report:

- none, meeting rescheduled for April 13th

Old Business:

- The new tree planting will be held in conjunction with Arbor Day.

Trustee Reuning is coordinating the 5th grader's Arbor Day ceremony with the library dedication ceremony for Penny Canfield.

New Business:

- A motion to appoint Trustee N. Reuning as BOT Treasurer was made by Trustee T. Reuning and seconded by Trustee Peavey. The motion carried. (8,0)

- Trustee Burdick was appointed to the finance committee.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18am was made by Trustee Gasdik and seconded by Trustee Burdick. The motion carried. (8,0)

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Sobeck

Secretary

