

Minutes of the David A. Howe Library

Board of Trustees Meeting

July 11, 2023

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

Trustees Absent: none

Brian Hildreth was our guest and conducted a “Why we are Trustees” exercise.

Call to Order: President Donald Comstock called our July 11, 2023 meeting to order at 8:29am.

Discussion and Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the June 2023 minutes was made by President Comstock and seconded by Trustee Green. The motion carried. (9,0)

Director’s Report:

A. Statistics

-Circulation

Director Gunning noted 4329 check-outs!

-Programs

Director Gunning noted that June was a very busy month at the DAHL, with concerts, tours and Bubblemania bringing in crowds.

B. News from the Library

-Niki and Director Gunning attended the Blind Association Info Fair.

-The DAHL hosted the Inter-County Association of WNY representing 19 counties. Director Gunning gave a presentation to the county legislators

from across the state about the current state of libraries.

C. Department Reports

Youth:

The Summer Reading Program is going well. Kate has 222 children, listeners and readers, signed up. Ally has 45 teens signed up.

Adult:

The SRP has 92 adults registered which is the highest ever! Niki's regular book raffles and weekly trivia continue to do well.

Auditorium/Gallery:

Over 200 people attended the Bubblemania program. Katherine has been working with the WDC on the Taste of Wellsville Event. The library lawn will host music and the YMCA Kid Zone. Katherine will be attending the Wild Goose Festival which is an arts and music festival. She is hoping to connect with artisans that would like to perform or present at the DAHL.

Building/Grounds:

No leaks!! Soon the concrete will be poured. Rick and crew have been busy painting the stairwell to the auditorium and fixing the light bar.

Woodwork continues to be cleaned and treated. Prep for the next stage of construction has started.

Technology:

Tech labs are going well. Gary hopes to make the 3D printer more accessible to the public.

Grants:

Kate received a grant for solar eclipse glasses to be used in the fall solar eclipse programming.

Katherine received a grant in the amount of \$1500.00 through the Allegany Area Foundation to go towards auditorium and gallery programming.

Committee Reports: Building and Grounds Chairman, Trustee T. Reuning, did a walk through of the construction worksite. Members of the Kelsey Naylor Family Trust are expected to tour the library on July 11th.

Friend's Report: No financials available. They are considering a wine and cheese party-more information to come.

Old Business: Dean Arnold said the village will be applying for a sidewalk repair grant.

New Business: Trustee Volunteers needed for the Book Sale on Balloon Rally weekend. Our August meeting will be lunch on the Terrace!

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:16am was made by President Comstock and was seconded by Trustee Colligan. The motion carried. (7,0)

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Sobeck

Secretary