

Minutes of the David A. Howe Library

Board of Trustees Meeting

April 8, 2025

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

Trustees Absent: Tim Colligan

President Comstock called the March 11, 2025 meeting to order at 7:33 am.

Discussion and Approval of Minutes and Financial Reports: A motion to accept the March 2025 minutes and financial reports was made by President Comstock and seconded by Trustee Gasdik. The motion carried. (8,0)

Public Comment Section: none

Director's Report:

Statistics

-Director Gunning reported a continued upward trend in checkouts; specifically that the Library was up 370 physical checkouts and a significant increase in digital materials usage.

Programs

-Circulation Statistics attached to minutes

News from the Library

-DAHL partnered with the Cornell Cooperative Extension for a spring kickoff event, Ready Set Bloom

-Director Gunning was asked to sit on the Director's Advisory Council's committee on Information Literacy; focusing primarily on developing system policies on AI

-DAHL participated in the WCSD's Read Across America Day, with Kate, Ally and I reading to several classes.

-Director Gunning met with Steven Mauro/President of Alfred State College to discuss possible future collaboration.

Department Reports

- Finance: ACWC awarded 4 grants that will benefit the library; No Report

- Youth: Minecraft Madness night was pretty popular this month. DAHL is also partnering with the Salvation Army to provide lunches for kids and teen over the spring break. Hide and Seek seems to be the current favorite for the Teen/Tween crowd. Ally is working on a deposit collection for the Hanover Laundromat.

- Building and Grounds: Update on front/stairs construction project was provided. Construction to begin within the next few weeks. Spring Cleaning has begun. Rick is working on constructing a new roof hatch to replace the damaged one. The light bulbs in the main section have been updated. The Friends covered all costs. Quentin Case was hired on as maintenance staff.

- Administrative: No Report.

- Friends of the Library: Dinner for Eight is planned; Flying Breakfast will be on June 22nd

Old Business:

- Mural Committee meeting went very well; committee approved proposal. Mural will be in the children's sections. Additionally, discussed creating a "David A. Meow" book.
- Discussion occurred on the upcoming budget vote; a "don't forget to vote" section will be added to the annual report to ensure widest dissemination of budget/voting information.

New Business:

- A motion to approve Jodi Pearson as DAHL Trustee was made by President Comstock and seconded by Trustee Green. The motion carried. (8,0). Trustee Pearson was appointed as Secretary, and assigned the following committee assignments: Administrative and Buildings and Grounds.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38am was made by Trustee Peavy and seconded by Trustee Reuning. The motion carried. (7,0)

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Green
Trustee

