

Board Minutes: June 8th, 2021

Present: Mary Jane Plummer, Ann Zieno, Nancy Hornung, Ken Howard, Sue Ruestow, Dave Dewey, Beth Paine.

Absent: Pat Smith

Meeting called to order at 4:32 p.m.

Minutes:

Motion by Dave Dewey to accept the minutes of the May 11th meeting. Second by Sue Ruestow; motion carried.

Correspondence:

Four County Library System hosted the 2021 Annual Meeting online on June 7th. The meeting was very short with no changes to report.

Personnel:

Cassidy Gascon has been hired as a Library Page to fill the position that will be open after Kori Scott leaves for college.

We have accepted applications for Weekend Cleaner and Groundskeeper but received no qualified applicants.

There were three viable applicants for the Library Assistant position that will need to be filled due to the resignation of Sarah Fredette. We will be scheduling interviews as soon as possible.

Financial:

Check numbers 12280-12311 were reviewed.

Sue Ruestow made a motion to accept the Board Claims in the amount of \$9,738.46. Second by Dave Dewey; motion carried.

Building & Grounds:

All three of our libraries are back to normal operating hours. Appointments are no longer required except for DVD browsing and computer use.

Unfinished Business:

Beth has completed the Letter of Intent for the 2021-2022 New York State Construction Grant for the paving of the Masonville Branch Library parking lot. Dave Dewey made a motion to submit the grant on behalf of the library. Sue Ruestow second; motion carried.

New Business:

None.

Friends of the Libraries:

The Friends of the Libraries held their first book sales on June 5th in the library front yard. This was the same day that the Garden Club will be held their annual plant sale.

Other:

Patron statistics remain very low for the branch libraries, with an average of 4 people per day. The Sidney Library is averaging about 45 patrons per day.

Beth attended two Director's meetings and the Governing Council meeting this past month. The main topic of discussion was the issue of how public libraries were to handle the change in COVID guidelines in NY State. It was determined that libraries may decide for themselves how to proceed. The library staff has agreed that patrons and staff should continue with masks until further notice.

The Sidney Memorial Public Library was awarded Non-Profit of the Year by the Sidney Chamber of Commerce. There will be an awards dinner sometime in September.

The Summer Reading Program schedule is set and our kick-off will begin on July 9th.

The next meeting will be held on June 29th at 4:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 5:15 by Sue Ruestow; second by Dave Dewey. Motion carried.