

Board Minutes: March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Present: Dave Dewey, Sue Ruestow, Ann Zieno, Pat Smith, Lisa Sellen, Nancy Hornung, Beth Paine

Absent: Ken Howard

Meeting called to order at 4:31 p.m.

*Minutes:*

Motion by Pat Smith to accept the minutes of the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Second by Nancy Hornung; motion carried.

*Correspondence:*

David Plummer requested a Board of Trustees vote for approval for the Sidney Historical Association's plan to install black wrought iron fencing around the Pioneer Cemetery next to the library parking lot. Sue Ruestow made a motion to approve the fence; second by Lisa Sellen. Motion carried.

Fairway Lawns submitted a letter officially donating the cost of their services from the 2021 season and requesting to be considered for our weekly mowing/trimming/cleanup at Sidney for \$320/month and Masonville for \$250/month for the 2022 season. Ann Zieno made a motion to accept the quote from Fairway Lawns for both Sidney and Masonville. Second by Nancy Hornung; motion carried.

We received notification from Four County Library System that we will be receiving 6 new patron desktop computers from the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act).

*Personnel:*

Cassandra will begin her new technology duties, starting with Open Tech Time on March 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:15 and then again on March 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4:00. She will begin classes in May.

We relisted the Weekend Cleaner and Part-time Library Clerk positions.

*Financial:*

Sue Ruestow made a motion to accept the \$1,000 grant from the Community Foundation of South Central New York for the Cornell Cooperative Extension cooking classes. Second by Pat Smith; motion carried.

Check numbers 12574-12604 were reviewed, as well as the missing check number 12568 dated 2/1/22 from the February meeting.

Lisa Sellen made a motion to accept the Board Claims in the amount of \$10,310.83. Second by Sue Ruestow; motion carried.

Ann Zieno made a motion to accept the Public Computing Center Claims in the amount of \$602.89. Second by Ken Howard; motion carried.

*Building & Grounds:*

The Open flag at the Sidney Center Branch Library was repaired.

*Unfinished Business:*

Beth received confirmation of the completed deed paperwork for the transfer of the Masonville Branch Library property and building from Kathy Lent to the Sidney Memorial Public Library.

Sue Ruestow made a motion to accept the revised Quarantine Leave Policy as presented. Second by Pat Smith; motion carried.

*New Business:*

None.

*Friends of the Libraries:*

Beth requested funding for the Summer Reading Program and funding for more Teen Nights at the monthly Friends of the Libraries meeting, but they did not vote on it. She has contacted the Friends of the Libraries President, Denise McCabe-Edwards, who is currently on vacation, to try to get the approval as soon as possible.

*Other:*

The Sidney Memorial Public Library Annual Report to New York State was submitted.

There will be a safe driving course conducted by Lori White in the Community Room on March 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-4:30. There is a \$25 fee per person payable to Lori.

Pat Smith will take over Genealogy open hours every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday starting March 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:30 am.

The April exhibit in the Community Room will be quilts from the In-Stitches quilting group.

Principle Engineers will be accepting bids for the Sidney Memorial Library Parking Lot project until April 12<sup>th</sup> and will attend the bid opening on that date at our monthly Board Meeting at 4:30 pm.

The library mask requirement was officially dropped on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We are now accepting book donations every day with a maximum of 10 items/day/person.

Appointments are no longer needed to enter the Wireless Room except for laptop use.

Beth met with Assemblyman Joseph Angelino and Steve Bachman from Four County Library System online on March 2<sup>nd</sup> for Library Advocacy Day. They discussed the upcoming NY State Library Budget vote as well as future funding from Assemblyman Angelino and the possibility of a visit to the Sidney Library.

Beth will be visiting the Broome County Public Library, the Vestal Public Library, Your Home Public Library in Johnson City, and Four County Library System on March 18<sup>th</sup> for tours and discussions regarding their policies, procedures, and programming.

Smart Community Room reservations are coming in quickly. Beth has increased the number of people allowed in the room from 15 to 20.

Beth will be starting Second Saturday movies in May from 1:00-3:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 5:22 pm by Sue Ruestow; second by Nancy Hornung. Motion carried.