

Board Minutes: May 10th, 2022

Present: Dave Dewey, Sue Ruestow, Pat Smith, Lisa Sellen, Ken Howard, Nancy Hornung, Beth Paine

Absent: Ann Zieno

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

Minutes:

Motion by Pat Smith to accept the minutes of the April 22nd meeting. Second by Lisa Sellen; motion carried.

Correspondence:

We received notification from the A. Lindsay & Olive B. O'Connor Foundation that we received the \$5,000 grant that was applied for to help fund the Sidney Library Parking Lot Renovation project. Beth contacted the Foundation to inform them that the project has been delayed due to the increase in the costs and she was told the grant is good for three years.

Personnel:

The Weekend Cleaner and Part-time Library Clerk positions are still posted.

Loretta Cable's application for NY State Unemployment benefits was approved. Beth has requested a hearing to attempt to get the decision reversed as Loretta resigned on December 2, 2020 without 2-weeks' notice.

Financial:

Check numbers 12639-12674 were reviewed.

Ken Howard made a motion to accept the Board Claims in the amount of \$39,647.27. Second by Pat Smith; motion carried.

Nancy Hornung made a motion to accept the 990 draft submitted for review by Insero & Co. for filing with the IRS. Second by Lisa Sellen; motion carried.

Beth will be attending the Sidney Central School District Board of Education meeting to present the 2022-2023 Library Budget proposal.

Building & Grounds:

S&S straightened the leaning bushes by the arbor at the entrance to the Vartuli Garden at the Sidney Library.

Two trees at the Masonville Branch Library are leaning over the roof. Contractors have been contacted for quotes for the removal of the trees.

Unfinished Business:

Beth presented information regarding the TrafSys People Counting system. She will search for possible grant options to pay for purchasing the system.

Four County Library System has submitted our information to be included with 8 other member libraries for a new newsletter service, Wowbrary, with a pending starting date of 6/1/22.

New Business:

Beth has submitted a revised Meeting Room Policy for the first reading. She will make the suggested changes before the next meeting.

Friends of the Libraries:

The Friends of the Libraries Grand Book Sale was held on April 28th, 29th, and 30th and they raised \$448. Troop 88 Scouts helped bring the books up from the basement on April 27th.

Other:

Average daily patron count for Monday through Saturday is up to 85/day and continues to rise. Sunday visits are still quite low, at approximately 15. Pre-COVID Sundays averaged between 40 and 60 patrons.

The Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners series was cancelled due to lack of interest.

Adult and children programs continue to be busy and we are adding more in-person programs whenever feasible. Minecraft averages 12 students per meeting, Lego has 15, crafts averages 9, and Teen Night usually has 4 students.

Second Saturday movies will be starting on May 14th with Ghostbusters Afterlife. We will continue these at least through the summer and possibly continue year-round if they prove to be popular.

Beth attended the Four County Library System Directors Meeting on May 5th. Discussions focused on the update to the Open Meeting Law and the upcoming Construction Grant Intent to Apply due date. The Annual Meeting will be held online again this year on June 6th at 3:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 5:21 pm by Lisa Sellen; second by Pat Smith. Motion carried.