

## Pulteney Free Library Board Meeting Minutes July 12, 2022

**Meeting opens** 7:00pm

**Present:** Carol McGill, Barb Radigan, Ellen Derby, Ellen French, Liz Ryder, Deb Decker, Luanne Graulich, Elizabeth White, Nancy Cole

The May **meeting minutes** were reviewed and a motion to accept was made by Deb Decker, seconded by Nancy Cole and the motion passed. The June meeting did not have a quorum of members in attendance but the notes were reviewed by those present.

**Financial reports** for both May and June were reviewed. Over all the library is ahead financially for this point in the year as compared to 2021. Deb Decker moved to accept the May financial report, seconded by Luanne, and the motion passed. Nancy Cole moved to accept the June financial reports, seconded by Ellen French, and the motion passed.

**Director's Report** was reviewed and a detailed report is included separately. Points covered include:

- Circulation, which is up a little.
- The juggler at the Community Event was a huge hit.
- The Directors' Retreat at the Hammondsport Library was a positive for communicating with other directors. There are 16 new directors within the system now.
- Carol and Barb went to the Symposium where they shared about our construction, with photos. It was worth attending and they gained a few new ideas for collections.
- Four Steuben County directors were present at the AIP committee of county legislators to ask for county funding. One legislator thought it was double dipping to collect taxes locally then ask the county for tax money. Steuben County is the only county still funding libraries in the state. Barb suspects a cut in funding is coming but not a complete loss.
- The Maker Space Showcase drew a small but excited group.
- Both book clubs have been active.
- The Ice Cream Social planning has been progressing.
- The Foundation for Southern Tier Libraries take-home craft kits have been very popular.
- The Empire Pass has been used 21 times in the year we've had it.
- The Pulteney Newsletter announcing the art classes has drawn attention, especially the basket class. Barb is trying to get funding to allow a second session so more individuals can participate.

### **Old Business:**

- The strategy process is on hold.
- The Peek land is looking better, the grass is coming in. We should get the Beibers to invoice us.
- The Little Free Library is in progress after a hopefully short end-of-the-school-year break.
- The 414 signature collection is well underway with 55 signatures collected. A minimum of 60 are needed and we should be able to make the goal. A dead-line of July 20<sup>th</sup> was set to get the last few. A motion was made by Deb Decker to accept the petitions and letter as presented and seconded by Elizabeth. The motion passed.
- The SAM grant was unofficially approved. Carol will contact Senator O'Mara's office to see if we can get an official answer.
- Summer Reading prizes are needed by Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> so that Barb can make up the fliers. Those prepared to contact local businesses will attend to getting a commitment of donation.

**New Business:**

- The Ice Cream Social is set for Wednesday June 20<sup>th</sup> and will take place on the patio. Ice Cream and toppings will be purchased at Aldi's by Carol. Although the raffle baskets have been staged within the library, the desire to keep dribbling ice cream off the rugs has caused the decision to move the baskets into the meeting room. There will be a volunteer present in the meeting room to supervise the viewing of baskets and to sell tickets. Deb Decker will again bring plants, books, beanie babies for interested attendees to take, donations accepted. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 5:30 to set up for the social. The social will be promoted on FaceBook a few times this week.
- Director's Training- NYLA- is in November but registration is in August. Deb Decker moved to provide the funds for Barb to attend, seconded by Elizabeth White, and the motion passed.

**Meeting adjourned 7:55pm**