

October 10, 2023 Pulteney Free Library Board Meeting

Meeting **called to order** by Liz Ryder at 7:07 pm

Members **present:** Barb Radigan, Deb Decker, Elizabeth White, Liz Ryder, and Ellen French

Minutes for September: Reviewed. Elizabeth White had emailed a typographic correction to the minutes. Under grants bullet for the Director's Report, "bother" should be changed to "both". Liz Ryder moved to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Elizabeth White. So moved.

Financial Report: Presented by Elizabeth White. Ellen French moved to accept the report as presented, seconded by Deb Decker. So moved.

Director's Report: Barb presented the happenings of the library. Detailed report available on Sharepoint.

- Circulation is again down from last month due to the time of year as summer has ended.
- Carol and Barb attended the STLS meeting at the Wellsville Library where Dorothy Graham, our gardener, received her Library Advocate Award.
- Thursday's Book Club had three attendees who expressed positive sentiments about Track of the Cat by Nevada Barr. Saturday's Book Club has yet to meet this month (10/14).
- We have received \$700 from the Keuka Area Fund Grant which will cover the purchase of a weather station, particulate air monitor, a craft cart and craft supplies.
- The concert by the John Bolger band on October 1st was very successful. Attendance was not huge but the audience really enjoyed the band and the band really enjoyed the audience. There was even dancing in the Y Knot parking lot
- The Summer Reading Program has wrapped up. The numbers for the kid's program is quite a bit lower than in previous years which may be due in part to a shared population with the three week Summer Program attendance which may have led to a reduction in reporting hours. Barb believes the issue was in kids/parents recording or documenting the reading hours as kids were definitely checking out books.
- The basket workshop had a full attendance and resulted in everyone taking home a beautiful tobacco basket. Attendees appreciated the more simplistic steps to making this basket.
- Barb reported on an interesting session from the ARSL (Association of Rural and Small Libraries) concerning an adult story hour taking place at a brewery. Liz Ryder will reach out to Carlton at Crooked Tusker Distillery as several board members thought this might be a perfect match if he is amenable.

Old Business:

Elevator – December 1st is the tentative/wishful start date for the elevator. Steve will be contacting the elevator company to facilitate.

414 – It is time to put signs out now to bring awareness to the community for their support for PFL on the ballot. Barb is working on the newsletter to send out before the election.

Bikes – Blaine Mays delivered a lot of bikes to the basement for storage. He also received a box of brand new bike helmets for his bicycle program.

New Business:

Annual Meeting - The Date for the Annual Meeting has been set for Saturday, November 18th at 10 am.

Winter Reading Program Dates – The Winter Reading Program will run from February 1st to March 31st

Communication – A lovely thank you card was received from Dorothy Graham in appreciation of our nomination and her recognition as STLS volunteer of the year.

Adjournment: 7:48 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth White