

April 11, 2023 Pulteney Free Library Board Meeting

Meeting **called to order** by Carol McGill at 7:10pm

Members **present:** Carol McGill, Barb Radigan, Liz Ryder, Karin Mulhern, Ellen Derby, Elizabeth White, Deb Decker, Ellen French, Fred Schulte

Minutes for February : Reviewed. Deb Decker moved to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Karin Mulhern. So moved. March meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather, no minutes.

Financial Report: Presented by Elizabeth White for February and March. Ellen Derby 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.

- Taylor grant application is due in June, monies help cover operating expenses.
- Foundation for S.T. Libraries grant is submitted. We're asking for \$700 for craft kits, items for a community mural, and for the summer reading program.
- Winter reading program has wrapped up. 11 adults and 13 children participated.
- The newsletter has been mailed and the Pulteney Grapevine is out for printing.
- April 1st was the Easter party held in co-ordination with the Firemen's Auxiliary. 73 kids and adults participated. Easter bunny, free books, crafts, refreshments, and face painting were highlights.
- Kathy and Barb did the on-line the summer learning workshop and will attend the summer learning adventure workshop in April.
- Carol, Barb, and Wynter will be at the Curtiss Museum Family Fun Event on the 14th bringing the large blue blocks and library materials.
- There is a solar eclipse workshop coming up that Barb will attend. The eclipse will be near us this time.
- Lego club had 5 kids in attendance, steady the last few months.
- Crafting days: March had 8 attending the paper quilling class, April's date fell on Easter weekend and attendance was low for the wine bottle wrapping.
- Book club: Thursday participation is low at 2 folks for Feb and March. Saturday is better with 3-5 in Feb, March, and April.
- Fred has obtained 4 Facebook Portals for the library. These work with Zoom and Facebook Live. They have a story time app for children. They also work as a browser. STLS has also given us an Android tablet and an I-pad.
- Ditching Dewey is about ½ done.

Old Business:

Strategy- Carol has been working on it.

Little Free Library- The scout has made 2, 1 for books to stand near the town hall and the other for the community garden to house various things. His troop will also be spreading wood chips on the playground as a service project.

Summer Activity Program- Deb Decker reported that crafts have been chosen, the Rock Man is coming, all 3 Tues have a speaker lined up, including one on food and nutrition, and a field trip to the FL Museum is planned at the end.

Librarian Vacation: Following up from last meeting, Deb Decker moved to change the policy to reflect the change of vacation for the library director from 3 weeks to 4 after serving for 20 years. Liz Ryder seconded. So moved.

New Business: none

Adjournment: Motion to close the meeting made by Deb Decker, seconded by Karin Mulhern. Adjourned 7:50pm

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Derby, Secretary