

## December 12, 2023 Pulteney Free Library Board Meeting

Meeting **called to order** by Elizabeth White at 7:05pm

**Members present:** Barb Radigan, Ellen Derby, Elizabeth White, Karin Mulhearn, Ellen French, Fred Schulte

**Minutes** for November: Reviewed. Karin Mulhern moved to accept the minutes with changes, seconded by Ellen French. So moved.

**Financial Report:** Presented by Elizabeth White. Ellen Derby moved to accept the report as presented, seconded by Karin Mulhern. So moved.

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

- Grant application for the arts in the amount of \$1840 has been submitted. It will be used for the same 3 artists in 2024 as this year but for different projects.
- Our library hosted the Summer Symposium watch party event for librarians.
- Breakfast with Santa was a huge success with 62 people in attendance. Food, crafts, story time, and Santa were all part of the day with Wynter and Hobbs in attendance was well.
- Books clubs remain active with non-attendees reading the books as well.
- Lego club had 8 participants.
- A volunteer has come forward to teach knitting. A date will be set in January for a knit & crochet session.
- The library has received the gift of large, lovely, globe with the map made of inlaid-precious-stone.
- The Winter publication of The Grapevine will come out soon.
- There are 15 new books available.

### **Old Business:**

Elevator – Construction began Monday Dec 11<sup>th</sup>. It should be complete in 2 weeks.

### **New Business:**

Election of officers: Karin Mulhern moved to keep the current officers as they are willing to continue to serve. Ellen French seconded. So moved.

Board Annual Celebration: Decided to have it at the library, pot luck, January 6<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm.

Trustee Recommendations: Ellen Derby brought forward an idea to help circulation. Each trustee could take a turn writing a list of books they have truly enjoyed and giving it to Barb. Then the books we have can be placed along the wall naming the trustee and assisting patrons in book choices. Currently there are holiday and winter themed books recommended by Ellen and an “if you like these books, you might like these others” list to be ordered through library loan at the desk. After discussion it was decided that each trustee will provide Barb with a list of 3 favorite titles for a “whole board” recommendation in the new year.

**Comments:** none

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Karin Mulhern, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ellen French. 7:45pm

**Executive Session:** was held 7:46-7:55 to discuss salaries and bonuses

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Derby, Secretary