

## July 11, 2023 Pulteney Free Library Board Meeting

Meeting **called to order** by Carol McGill at 7:02pm

Members **present**: Carol McGill, Barb Radigan, Ellen Derby, Elizabeth White, Deb Decker, Fred Schulte

**Minutes** for June: Reviewed and revised. Elizabeth White moved to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Deb Decker. So moved.

**Financial Report**: Presented by Elizabeth White. 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.

- Circulation is about the same as last month.
- The women's suffrage exhibit is ending soon and has had a fair amount of interest.
- Lego club had no attendees but we are not worrying about it over the summer.
- Book clubs are going ok. Three attended Thursday group and none for Sat in June.
- The Keuka Area Fund grant application is due in August. Barb will be applying in two parts: for kids crafts and for weather station information to be posted on our website and Facebook page.
- The STLS board met here in June and enjoyed viewing and hearing about our new building.
- We received the \$500 grant from the ARTS of the Southern FL for hosting the John Bolger Band. This event may become part of a larger Pulteney Community event.
- Barb is nominating Dorothy-the-Gardener for the library volunteer of the year award.
- Summer Reading Programs have begun and the paper feathers are being passed out to patrons.
- On July 18<sup>th</sup> Bill Chapman will be presenting a program on rocks and fossils open to the public and part of the Kid's Activity Program.
- We have received 4 memorials.
- Six new books have come in and Barb explained how new books are received.
- Bike rodeo is scheduled for July 15<sup>th</sup>, we need volunteers. It is on the regular lego club day. A rain date is in August.
- The library is hosting a Medicare 101 information session by the Office For the Aging Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6pm.

### Old Business:

Strategy- On hold until after the summer program

Little Free Library- in process

Summer Children's Program- Started today and was a resounding success. Kids age 5-14 are participating. 19 kids signed up to participate.

Summer Reading Program- 2 prize donations have not yet come in.

Elevator – The grant application looks like we will get 75% matching of needed funds. Getting scheduled in for later Fall time frame so we don't lose a slot in the contractor's schedule. Elizabeth White moved to accept assurances to state aid for Library Construction Program. Deb Decker seconded. So moved.

414 – As of today we have 50+ of the needed 63 signatures for the petition and several board members were not present to turn in their forms. We can collect signatures until Wed July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Library T-shirts – Barb brought a shirt in the blue and purple shades for show and tell, trustees, staff and volunteers can purchase one at a discount for \$22.

### New Business:

Bike Rodeo – Scheduled for July 15<sup>th</sup> for 1.5 hours starting at 10am. Refreshments will be served. Helmets will be required. Volunteers are needed to help. Signs will be placed related to parking areas for safety reasons. The man running it is going to try to bring some spare bikes in case some kids come without a bike.

Ice Cream Social – Scheduled for August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6-8 pm. Luanne Graulich said she'd like to volunteer and others are needed as well.

Movie Night – Will be on Friday August 25<sup>th</sup> with Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> as the rain date.

Children's Reading Program: Ellen asked Barb to speak on that a little bit. It has begun and is going well. One whole sign up sheet is filled with participants. They track their reading as hours read versus number of

books which is a more fair way to account for success, particularly for kids who struggle. They can earn free books, there is a prize box, and certificates for ice cream cones.

**Adjournment:** Motion to close the meeting made by Deb Decker. Seconded by Elizabeth White. Adjourned 7:52pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Derby, Secretary