

June 13, 2023 Pulteney Free Library Board Meeting

Meeting **called to order** by Carol McGill at 7:04pm

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

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

Financial Report: Presented by Elizabeth White. Deb Decker 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.

- Barb attended the Foundation for S.T. Libraries annual meeting and received the grant check. She also shared with members about our new building.
- The library is hosting a women's suffrage exhibit throughout the building through June.
- Lego day was well attended with 9 kids and 3 adults.
- Book clubs are going ok with steady attendance and with a larger group on Sat. group in May.
- Monthly craft days are on hold through the summer.
- The STLS board is meeting here in June.
- The Diversity Bookshelf has returned for another stay after a short visit late last year.
- We held a home safety program led by a deputy from the sheriff's office and a state trooper. Attendance was 16 people.
- 500 eclipse viewing glasses are available, most will be held for next year's complete solar eclipse.
- Two of the 3 arts programs are scheduled: July 22nd is wire working, Sept 23rd is basketry.
- Paper feathers are available for decoration of the community-made "Soar at the Library" art project and display. It will be a great photo op for patrons.
- Ice cream social is scheduled for 6-8pm on Aug 2nd. A mobile glass studio will be present for demos.
- Movie night is in the early planning stages for a day between Aug 24th and Aug 29th.
- Barb and others are in the investigating stage of hosting another bike rodeo. More volunteers will be needed if a good date can be found.

Old Business:

Strategy- Carol posted on FaceBook for community feedback on likes and wishes about the library.

Little Free Library- Not yet installed, deadline, per the Scouts, is Sept. Woodchips have been spread at the playground. And we've heard that flags have been placed in all the local cemeteries.

Summer Children's Program- Deb Decker presented. Volunteers are being recruited for help with the kids. Deb will be contacting Jim Derr at Hammondsport HS for volunteers. 3 people will be attending the lunch training at the end of the month. Sign up is now available in the library and notice will be posted on FaceBook and via signage locally next week. Trustees are asked to spread the word.

Summer Reading Program- Prizes are still being solicited and we currently have 13-15 lined up. Drawing for the prizes will be in September. Thank you notes are to be written by those trustees who solicited prizes.

Elevator – The cost of the elevator and installation is \$87,309. The NYS Construction Aid grant application has been written and Barb and Carol will be presenting it to STLS in person on June 28th. Barb is hoping to receive 50% funding from the grant. It is hopeful that construction will begin late in the Fall. Deb Decker moved that we spend the money from our capital projects fund for the elevator. Elizabeth White seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New Business:

Lawn maintenance: A brief discussion was held about fertilizing the lawn and how much work it had been for us to do it ourselves. Elizabeth White moved that we pay our lawn maintenance person to do the fertilizing. Liz Ryder seconded. Motion passed.

STLS Continuing Education Symposium – Carol attended and found it to be a great way to get all her educational hours on a variety of topics with about 150 other folks. Vendors were unexciting.

State 414 Budget Vote – A review was given on the subject. As a reminder we need 63 signatures on the petition to get the tax levy request on the ballot in November. The petition needs to be given to the town board by August 1st. Petitions were distributed to board members and areas to canvass were divvied up. A discussion was had to decide on how much of an increase we would ask for from the taxpayers. A reminder of needing increased funds to cover the salary increases for our employees was made. A review of increases as far back as 2017 was had as well. Typical increases range from 5%-10%. Elizabeth White moved for the increase to exceed the 2% tax cap. Ellen Derby seconded. Motion passed thusly: Ellen F., Liz Ryder, Elizabeth White, Deb Decker, Karin Mulhern, Ellen D., and Carol McGill: aye. Nay: none. Elizabeth White moved for a 7.5% increase. Deb Seconded. Motion passed. Elizabeth made a motion to revise the increase to an even number of \$3,450.00. Liz Ryder Seconded. A vote was taken: Ellen French: nay. Liz Ryder, Ellen Derby, Elizabeth White, Deb Decker, Karin Mulhern, Carol McGill: aye. Motion passed.

Adjournment: Motion to close the meeting made by Elizabeth White. Seconded by Deb Decker. Adjourned 8:41pm

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Derby, Secretary