

## Pulteney Free Library Board Meeting Minutes 14 May 2024

Meeting called to order by Elizabeth White at 7:13pm.

Present: Karin Mulhern, Barb Radigan, Ellen French, Deb Decker

March meeting minutes reviewed and amended. Deb Decker moved to accept minutes as amended, second by Karin Mulhern. Motion passed.

Financials reviewed by Elizabeth White. Karin Mulhern moved to accept financial report, second by Ellen French. Motion passed.

The Directors Report was made by Barb. Additional details can be reviewed on Share Point.

- \$700 received from the Foundation for Southern Tier Libraries will be used for t-shirts, etc. for the Summer Adventure Program.
- On Monday 22 pre-K kids, their teachers and some parents came to the library for a field trip. It was a great success.
- Barb and Kathy went to the Summer Learning Program at Southern Tier. Besides a lot of ideas and books, they learned about STARQuest – a self-directed tour of Southern Tier Libraries.
- 12 participants for the Stained-Glass Mosaics workshop. Next ARTS workshop is teapot windchimes on July 27<sup>th</sup> with Ann Recotta.
- Erika Jenns from Southern Tier has been assisting with the webpage. Southern Tier has finally taken over hosting the webpage. This will be an ongoing project.
- The Directors Advisory Council will be meeting here May 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 11:30am.
- The exhibit of Hurricane Agnes (Flood of 1972) is from the South Central Regional Library Council and will be here through May.
- Barb will be presenting at the OWWL Small Libraries Summer Symposium on How to Ditch Dewey in a small library.
- Book Clubs: Thursday –discussed The Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn. June book is Kitchens of the Great Midwest by Ryan Stradal. Saturday – discussed The River We Remember by William Kent Kruger. June book is The Light of Days by Judith Batalion.

### Old Business:

- Elevator: elevator is done. Total paid out was \$91,500 (\$23,000 for equipment last year and \$68,500 paid out this year.) Carol will now be able to apply for a 75% cost share. Elevator stays in basement when not in use to lessen the possibility of “unauthorized access”.
- Board Celebration: new date set for September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm.
- Summer Adventure Program: Deb Decker reported on dates and times. Dates – July 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>. It will run from 12:30pm to 3:30pm with lunch being provided.
- Barb’s Evaluation: Reminder to get evaluations in.

- Anniversary Celebration: June 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. Finger foods and games.
- Board Training: Sexual harassment – need to sign off with Barb when completed. DEI training on line May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00 to 6:15pm.
- Feminine Hygiene project brought up by Barb: She is asking Ellen Derby if she is interested in working on it. Set up shelf in bathroom.

New Business:

- Edging and Mulch: One outfit quoted \$300 just for edging. Mulch will come in two loads. First load, boy scouts have been contacted to see if they are available. Second load, hopefully volunteers. (Lawn maintenance line covers the price of the mulch.)

Public comments: Fred spoke a bit about how the Presbyterian church is supporting a Ukranian family.

Motion to adjourn: made by Karin Mulhern and seconded by Ellen French.

Respectfully submitted by: Deb Decker, Board Member