

November 14, 2023 Pulteney Free Library Board Meeting

Meeting **called to order** by Carol McGill at 7:01pm

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

Minutes for October: Reviewed. Karin Mulhern moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Ellen Derby. So moved.

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

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

- The F & H Taylor Grant came in for \$8500 to be used for operating expenses.
- Barb sent in the final report for the arts grant that covered the John Bolger band. She will apply again next year.
- Tanglewood Nature Center Birds of Prey presentation had an enthusiastic audience with 53 present.
- Trick or Treat was very successful with 40 kids and adults present. Wynter and Hobbs were present.
- Lego club had a nice attendance with 7 kids and 4 adults.
- Our third of the 3 art programs is going well. It's glass mosaics for the 3rd time.
- Book clubs: good discussions were had in both groups even with low numbers.
- Pulteney Firemen's Auxiliary is planning Breakfast With Santa again. Dec 9th, 9am, at the firehall. They need some volunteer help.
- We now have a collection box for old phones, toner cartridges, and other electronic devices.
- STLS Gather and Grow workshop dealt with handling book challenges and serving the neuro-diverse community.
- There are lots of workshops in December for trustees and staff to choose from.
- There were 23 new books put on the shelves and we received 2 memorials

Old Business:

Elevator – It has been ordered. December 1st is slated as the start date for construction.

414 – The proposition has passed with 68% in favor.

Annual Meeting - Scheduled for Saturday the 18th of November at 10:00am.

New Business:

None

Comments: Fred spoke out that the food bank very much appreciates the food donations. He also reviewed their hours of operation.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Elizabeth White, 2nd – Liz Ryder. 7:29pm

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Derby, Secretary