

July 9, 2018
Eden Library Board of Trustees

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Library Board president Pat Smith. In attendance were Linda Meyer, Marilyn Antos, Jim Agle, and Library Director Donna-Jo Webster

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Donna-Jo reported that door count and circulation for June were both up; circulation was up more than 6% over June 2017. Our numbers were better than 14 other libraries for June. July circulation is already looking good. The first few days of the month were very busy. Saturdays have seen steady numbers so going to year 'round hours was probably a good move. Use of the Fax machine continues to be a popular feature; fees of \$41.50 were collected during June.

105 third graders (4 classes) came through the library in June. They received library card applications and a reading log where they can monitor the books they have read. After they reach certain levels they can choose from the prize box. Donna-Jo noted that they are already seeing kids bringing in their reading logs to get prizes. The Recreation Dept. is bringing a group of students to the library on Tuesdays at 10:30 to get books.

On June 22 the Seneca Nation called at the last minute and said they were bringing kids that day for story hour. She ended with 34 for story time that day with regular kids.

Bills:

The following bills were presented for payment:

Pennysaver-- \$224.25 for advertising in June.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to pay this bill. We have not yet received a bill from McAllister for the air conditioning repairs.

Donna-Jo has received the 2018 contract from the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library. They indicated that the language in the contract was unchanged from 2017 except for budget amounts. She has also received proposed budget sheets for 2019. While they are trying not to eliminate any positions they have suggested that a few hours be shaved off some positions to bring payroll costs down. Nine hours for the caretaker position may possibly be cut down to 7 because they don't seem to be needed.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that we adopt the resolution as presented to accept the 2018 contract with BECPL; there were 4 ayes, zero noes.

Some special programs coming up include one on Civil War bands on July 16 and Brazilian Samba Drumming on July 19.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Eden Library will be held on August 20. They seem to be on tract to elect a new slate of officers at their September meeting. Donna-Jo noted that she just celebrated her 2nd anniversary as director of the Eden Library.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no treasurer's report.

Marilyn reported that the material for the new draperies in the Meeting Room has been ordered.

Jim checked the gutter that seemed to be overflowing; it seems we may need a bigger diameter downspout for the amount of rain that it carries. While doing that he looked at the roof and felt that it was in pretty good shape. We are still waiting for an estimate from Mike Felschow about repairs or replacement. NYS Library Construction Grant applications are due to the System by Sept. 6, 2018. Pat will e-mail Ken Stone and ask if the roof and air conditioning would be eligible expenditures.

Bettyann had suggested to Linda that she draft a letter to Supervisor Hartman and the Town Board concerning potential expenses for the library building in the near future. Our line in the Town budget would not come close to covering either the roof or air conditioning and she felt that we should make them aware of these. Linda prepared a letter to this effect and a copy is attached to these minutes.

The Library card cases are all gone. Donna-Jo will look into getting more. The Eden Library tote bags are also all sold. We will look into getting more from Pine Ridge. They cost \$5.50 each in 2015 which was the last time we ordered.

It was agreed that the Library would take part in the Corn Festival parade again this year even though we will not have the bookmobile. Hopefully the Battle of the Books kids will participate; Chloe is doing a great job with them this year.

The next meeting will be August 13 and we will possibly skip the September meeting. Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Meyer, secretary