

**AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

December 18, 2012, 3:30 pm

**Present:** Director Rob Alessi, Deborah Carr-Hoagland, Al Fontanese, Alice Askew, George Oliver, Carol Griffis

- 1) Comments from the audience: none
- 2) **Minutes** of the regular meeting, November 27, 2012 were approved as submitted.
- 3) **Treasurer's report** and monthly financial statement, November 2012 were approved as submitted (AA, AF).
- 4) **Director's report**, November, 2012, was reviewed and accepted (AA, AF). The building had to be closed and some programs cancelled because the work on the roof was noisier and smellier than expected.
- 5) **Reports of interest:**
  - a) The next meeting of **ACT** is scheduled for Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.
  - b) The 2013 Erie County budget presents only a \$300,000 increase in Library funding. The B&ECPL board of trustees votes this coming Thursday on the Library budget.
  - c) The fundraiser in November raised about \$48,000 to be shared among all libraries. This brings \$900 to us to be used for programs and special events.
  - d) B&ECPL is in the process of installing a new on-line catalog which will run alongside the current one for a period of time.
  - e) New for 2013, printing capability will be available for personal computers. Beginning on January 2nd, there will no longer be a one day grace period for late book returns and new borrowers (card holders) will be restricted to 15 items per visit for 6 months.
- 6) **Personnel:** A motion was made (AF,AA) and carried to enter into executive session in order to discuss an issue regarding the extended medical leave of a staff member and also building security. A motion was made (AF,DC-H) and carried to resume regular session. A **motion** was made (AA, CG) and carried unanimously to permit the expenditure up to an additional \$14,000 from Volker funds to cover staff salaries if needed. We want to insure that there are no gaps in children's programming for the next season. A **motion** was made (DC-H, AA) and carried unanimously to provide keys to the new back doors to as few staff as practical. This will include librarians, clerks, cleaner and maintenance people and 5 to the B&ECPL delivery trucks.
- 7) **Old business:**
  - a) Roof and porch construction. The metal edge (fascia) was made incorrectly. The construction crew will try to install the correct edge this week, weather permitting. The invoice for the doors has arrived. We are reluctant to forward any payments, lacking complete documentation (drawings and specs) for the porch repairs. Deb, Al and Rob will go early to tonight's Town Board meeting with hopes of speaking with Supervisor Jeffe.
  - b) Furnace problems continue. Both Tri-R and Lennox will be here tomorrow to try to get to the bottom of the trouble. It has been very unpleasant for staff and patrons to experience inconsistent temperatures and the loud banging which occurs with pre-ignition. Rob has spent a considerable amount of time trying to analyze the problems himself.
- 8) **New business:** A patron is organizing a vigil to take place in Hamlin Park on Thursday night for the people of Newtown Connecticut school shootings. She requested permission to display a condolence card in the library for patrons to sign. We feel it is inappropriate to expose our younger patrons to that distressing event and so denied the request.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30.

Carol Griffis, secretary

Next regular meeting: January 29, 2013 at 3:30 pm.