

AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Tuesday, March 4, 2014
Secretary's Report

Present: Julie Anain, Marjorie Franknecht, Elizabeth Hofmeister,
Barbara Robshaw, Jeffrey Voelkl
Excused Absence: Marjorie Zelman
Also Present: Roseanne Butler-Smith, Sara Edwards

1) Call to Order

Jeffrey Voelkl called the meeting to order at 4:20 PM in the Clearfield Library community room.

2) Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Marjorie Franknecht and a second by Barbara Robshaw, the minutes of the January 29, 2014 meeting were approved.

3) Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Barbara Robshaw and a second by Marjorie Franknecht, the agenda for today's meeting was approved.

4) Public Comment

None

5) President's Report

The Director informed the Board that three people have expressed interest in serving as an Amherst Public Library Trustee. Jeffrey Voelkl suggested that two of the interested parties be invited to the next scheduled meeting; Board members unanimously agreed and the Director will contact them.

6) Finances

New York State's 2014-2015 budget proposal removes the additional \$4 million provided in the 2013-2014 budgets. This represents a small cut in library aid for the Amherst Public Libraries if the budget is passed.

The Director attended training for the United Way's "Spring It On" Day of Giving to be held March 20, 2014, the first day of spring. This is an online donation campaign allowing donors to give to the agency of their choice.

The Director stated that the heating and electric usage to date in 2014 has been significantly higher than past years and has exceeded what was budgeted for the first two months of the year. This may require cuts in other areas of library spending. Jeffrey Voelkl asked if heating and cooling temperatures were efficiently maintained and if there is a way to improve efficiency. The Director responded that the temperatures were controlled efficiently.

7) Director's Report

The Director reported the fundraising amounts to date from the "Love your Village, Love Your Library" Gala were larger than past years and that the basket raffle winners will be picked on March 8, 2014. The final fundraising tally for the Gala event will be available after this date.

Jeffrey Voelkl suggested the baskets be displayed prior to the event next year.

The next Gala will be held February 6, 2015.

The Williamsville Library will increase its Thursday public service hours from 4:00 – 8:00 PM to 1:00 – 8:00 PM beginning Thursday March 6, 2014.

The Director will attend the ACT meeting and training with Julie Anain on March 22, 2014.

8) New Business

The B&ECPL sponsored a "Love Your Library – Library Awareness Month" logo design contest open to high school students. The winner will be unveiled at the Clearfield Library on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 3:30 PM. The winner is a Williamsville East High School student.

The County of Erie will audit the B&ECPL at some future date.

9) Unfinished Business

Marjorie Franknecht suggested there should be better signage throughout the town indicating the location of the public libraries. Board members are in unanimous agreement about this and the Director will look into it.

The Director continues to receive complaints from Williamsville Library patrons regarding the lack of convenient parking at the library.

10) Correspondence

None

11) Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Amherst Public Library is scheduled for April 2, 2014; 4:15 PM at the Audubon Library.

12) Adjournment

There being no further business, on a motion by Jeffrey Voelkl with a second by Barbara Robshaw the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM.