

AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board of Trustees

November 25, 2014

3:30 pm

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

1. Comments from the audience - none
2. Minutes of the meeting, October 28, 2014 were approved as submitted. (AA, AF)
3. Treasurer's Report & Monthly Financial Statement, October 2014, was reviewed and approved as submitted. (CG, AF) The Library was closed for five (5) days last week due to snow conditions. Part-time staff is not paid for emergency closings with the exception of the part-time librarians.
4. Director's Report, October 2014 was approved as submitted. (AF, GO) During the annual survey week 302 reference questions were asked which is a definite increase over past years. Relocating the public printer below the front desk allows the staff workstation to face out towards the main floor. Rob attended the Presidential Volunteer Service Award luncheon on October 30th. Rhoda Zucker was one of only seven recipients for her 4,000+ hours of service for the Aurora Town Public Library.
5. Reports of Interest
 - a. George attended the meeting of ACT on November 15. There was some talk of the next county budget and a proposal that Trustees visit their local Legislator in person.
 - b. More than 150 letters have been signed by our patrons in support of the 2015 County budget.
 - c. Rob still intends to meet with Jim Bach about building concerns for the coming year.
6. Personnel
 - a. As of 11/15, Mikaela McCloskey is new Page, pt.
7. Old Business -None
8. New Business
 - a. Rob distributed copies of the 2015 Calendar of Open Hours. A motion to accept (AA, CG) the schedule passed unanimously. Trustee meetings are typically scheduled at the annual meeting.
 - b. A motion was made (GO, AF) and carried unanimously to authorize Rob to request up to \$2,000 from CEN, if necessary, to cover unanticipated expenses related to the retirement of Maria Pitt.
 - c. The shelving units which used to cover the fireplace have been removed. There have been a few negative comments but many more positive. Rob has asked Pat Blizniak to inspect the fireplace and chimney for the potential of having a gas insert. We'd like to have some more easy chairs in the area and perhaps tables in front of the window seats.
 - d. A motion was made (DCH, GO) and passed unanimously that my name be submitted for reappointment to this Board by the Town Trustees.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.

Carol Griffis, secretary

Next regularly scheduled meeting December 16, 2014 at 3:30pm.