

AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
February 16, 2022
Secretary's Report

Present: Michele Iannello-Ward, Cynthia Selden, Jeffrey Voelkl , Marjorie Franknecht
Oliver C. Young, Marilyn Feuerstein, Penny Wolfgang
Also Present: Roseanne Butler-Smith, Laura Stachura
Also Present via phone: Deborah Bucki
Excused Absence: Carolyn Giambra

1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:34 pm.

2.) President's Report

A.) Reappointment of Trustees Giambra and Franknecht- Mr. Voelkl emailed both parties to ask their intention to be reappointed. Both replied affirmative to serving another term. The Amherst Town Board needs to approve their appointments. Discussion ensued about a holdover law concerning the Trustees who were not reappointed by the end of their term.

B.) Election of Officers- Marjorie Franknecht and Carolyn Giambra will serve as co-treasurers.

C.) other items-nothing at this time.

3) Approval of Minutes for January 5,2022 meeting

Motion to accept by Michele Iannello-Ward, seconded by Cynthia Selden. All in favor.

4.) Approval of the Agenda for February 16, 2022.

Motion to accept by Marjorie Franknecht, seconded by Oliver C. Young. All in favor.

5) Public Comment

No public attending.

6) Trustees' Report

Nothing at this time.

7.) Town of Amherst Council Member Report

Deborah Bucki reminded all Trustees they are required to file a financial disclosure form with the Town Clerk. Trustees can fill out the form and take it to the Town Clerk's office or email it to Debbie Bucki for her to file. Marilyn Feuerstein, Roseanne Butler-Smith and Penny Wolfgang have not filed as of this meeting. Carolyn Giambra will send hers by email.

Debbie Bucki will check with the Town on the reappointments of Carolyn Giambra and

Marjorie Franknecht.

8.) Finances

A.) 2021 Budget

i.) County bills – Check #1873- Motion to approve by Marjorie Franknecht, seconded by Penny Wolfgang.. All approve. Discussion ensued about a bill from Gerry Corbett for electrical services.

ii.) Williamsville bills – check # 1231. Motion to approve by Marjorie Franknecht, seconded by Penny Wolfgang. All approve.

iii.) Other bills – Check #s 2646-2650 -Motion to approve by Marjorie Franknecht, seconded by Penny Wolfgang. All approve.

B.) Town of Amherst Budget

The Town Budget approved for the 4 library buildings is approved for \$40,000.00 for 2022. Nothing new at this time.

C.) Banking Balances- Updated balances reviewed by the Trustees.

D.) 2022 Budget- Checks written in 2022 were approved .

County checks #1874-1877, APL Secondary checks # 2645-2658 were motioned by Jeffrey Voelkl, seconded by Michele Iannello-Ward. All approved. Williamsville account had no checks at this time.

9.) Main Library at Audubon Expansion

A.) Update- Ms. Butler-Smith reported the expansion project is 3-4 weeks behind. Discussion ensued about the penalty levied for late completion.

B.) Existing Carpet and Flooring-Discussion with Linda Juul from the Town – bond money will be over the limit so carpet replacement funds will be separate funding . Discussion ensued about NYS pricing vs. Peaks Construction costs for new carpet.

C.) Contract for Interior Designer- Ms. Butler-Smith pursued the idea of spending money on reupholstering the old furniture. There are no funds for new furniture in the grant. Ms. Butler-Smith suggested using the design team associated with DiDonato Architects at a cost of \$3800. Mr. Voelkl feels it is a worthwhile value to hire a professional upholsterer. Board discussion ensued. The Board decided to retain 2 designers to advise on furniture purchases and reupholstering old furniture. Motion by Marjorie Franknecht, seconded by Cynthia Selden. Michelle Iannello-Ward and Marjorie Franknecht abstained. Motion carried.

D.) Mold Issue-The wallcoverings in the main hall have mold under them. Abatement is needed. Cost estimates are being readied for review. Audubon Library will need

to close for the mold removal.

E.) Existing interior-no discussion at this time.

10.) Director's Report

A.) Covid mask- no longer required in the library except for Librarians hosting an event with school age children.

B.) Winter/Spring student volunteers- Transitional student is at Audubon Library each week working on a project. Students required to wear a mask.

11.) Buildings

A.) Williamsville- There was an ice issue on the roof causing melting snow to drain onto the sidewalk. Jos. Sanders & Sons were hired to shovel roof and put ice melt down.

B.) Clearfield- Due to heating issues, Clearfield Library closed 1 day in January for gas line fixes. In February, they were closed for 2 days for repairs of gas lines again. Gas pipe in the building was replaced.

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12.) Unfinished Business

A.) Vaccination Requirements- none at this time.

B.) TV Raffle - Raffle tickets were sold in all 4 buildings totaling \$1335.00

13.) New Business

A.) Ms. Butler-Smith announced March 1 as the date for the camera raffle. Susan Grelick is hosting a breakfast/brunch /gift gathering event at the Irishman Restaurant on March 12. Trustees are encouraged to attend or donate.

B.) End of March there will be a basket raffle at Williamsville Library. In May Go Pro cameras will be raffled off.

14.) Correspondence

Nothing at this time.

15.) Next meeting:

*** March 23, 2022 at 5:30 pm at Audubon Library.**

16.) Board President calls for Executive Session

Marjorie Franknecht motions for an Executive Session, Michele Iannello-Ward seconds the motion. Executive session begins at 6:27 pm and ends at 6:40 pm . Trustees only invited to the session. Discussion on Whistleblower Policy.

17.) Adjournment- 6:41pm- Motion to adjourn by Marjorie Franknecht , seconded by Marilyn Feuerstein, All in favor.