

AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
October 19, 2022
Secretary's Report

Present: Cynthia Selden, Jeffrey Voelkl , Marilyn Feuerstein, Penny Wolfgang ,
Carolyn Giambra

Also Present: Roseanne Butler-Smith, Donna Kerr, Oliver C. Young

Also Present via phone: Deborah Bucki

1.) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:31 pm.

2.) Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on August 24, 2022

Motion to approve by Carolyn Giambra, seconded by Marilyn Feuerstein. All in favor.

3.) Approval of the Agenda for October 19, 2022.

All in favor.

4.) Public Comment

None at this time.

5.) President's Report

Nothing new to add. All present toured the new addition at this time.

6.) Trustees Report

Nothing at this time.

7.) Town of Amherst Council Member Report

Ms. Bucki discussed update on construction, mentioned disappointment in Peak Construction concerning the pace of the project. Discussion ensued about closing Audubon Library in October for work on existing building and new areas will disrupt patron services and could cause hazards. Project reported to be 91 days behind.

8.) Finances

A.) 2022 Budget

i.) County bills – Checks #1942-1968- Motion to approve by Penny Wolfgang seconded by Cindy Selden. All approve.

ii.) Williamsville bills – check 1254. Motion to accept by Penny Wolfgang, seconded by Cindy Selden. All approve.

iii.) Other bills – Checks # 2747-2769 -Motion to approve by Penny Wolfgang, seconded by Cindy Selden.. All approve.

iv.) Library CD's update- Ms. Butler-Smith will update Board members on this item.

v.) Monetary Gifts- Geoge Bobinski gifted money for tables for the maker space area. Lillian Ungerleider family gifted \$10.000 to Clearfield Library for new books.

B.) Town of Amherst Budget

i.) Carpet replacement- Town of Amherst is paying for the carpet.

ii.) Painting- Staff shortages and time management are an issue. Will be discussed further.

iii.) Williamsville projects- roofing problems are being addressed. Town will pay for repairs.

9.) Main Library at Audubon Expansion

A.) Update- see previous notes from Ms. Bucki.

B.) Purchases-A \$75,000 CD will be used for extra items needed for the expansion area such as shelving for books and special item such as VOX and Wonder Books.

Ms. Reeves' donations are being used for chairs and tables in children's area. Floor cushions chosen by the designer for the children's area will be purchased for \$4000.00. Old chairs and couches are being reupholstered for adult seating area.

10.) Buildings

Nothing at this time.

11.) Unfinished Business

A.) Amherst Library Charter- The library is still waiting to hear from New York State Regents regarding this matter.

B.) Long Range Plan- Marilyn Feuerstein and Carolyn Giambra will meet with the Director to work on this plan.

12.) New Business

A.) 2023 Calendar – Holiday closings

December 24 and 31 are Sundays and will be added to our closings. All in favor.
Board also approves of the Central Holiday calendar.

B.) Hours of Service for Amherst Libraries- Recommendations to change Audubon hours in 2023 to Fridays open till 9 pm. Clearfield will close at 6 pm. There will be more available space at Audubon once it reopens.

Williamsville will go back to regular hours prior to the grant from Jeanne Vinal gave for extended hours in 2022.

Hours of public service tabled until December meeting

C.) FOIL Policy-tabled to a future meeting

D.) Open Meetings Law- Vote ALL in favor, approved.

14.) Correspondence –

Nothing at this time

15.) Director's Report –Ms. Butler-Smith called for an executive session at 7:05 pm.
Session ended at 7:35 pm.

16.) Adjournment- 7:35 pm . Reminder next meeting is Dec 7 at Clearfield Library.