

AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
October 27, 2021
Secretary's Report

Present: Penny Wolfgang, Michele Iannello-Ward, Cynthia Selden, Marilyn Feuerstein ,Carolyn Giambra

Also Present: Roseanne Butler-Smith, Donna Kerr , Deborah Bucki
Excused Absence- Jeffrey Voelkl , Marjorie Franknecht

1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:27 pm.

2) A.) Approval of Minutes for August 2, 2021 meeting

Motion to approve by Michele Iannello-Ward, seconded by Marilyn Feuerstein. All in favor.

B.) Approval of Minutes for September 29 , 2021.

Motion to approve by Marilyn Feuerstein, seconded by Penny Wolfgang. Four in favor, one abstained. Motion carried.

Motion to reopen discussion of September 29 minutes. Motion to amend minutes to reflect that Jeffrey Voelkl should be designated as an Unexcused Absence. Motion by Michele Iannello-Ward, seconded by Penny Wolfgang. Four in favor, one abstained. Motion carries.

3.) Approval of the Agenda for Wednesday, October 27,2021. At this time Ms. Butler-Smith wanted to add an Executive Session following item 15.

4) Public Comment

Nothing at this time.

5.) President's Report

Nothing at this time.

6.) Trustees Report

A.) Ms. Selden announced a donation she received from Mr. Pizza. They are willing to purchase a TV to be raffled off at the Amherst Libraries in December. All proceeds to benefit our libraries. Also Ms. Iannello-Ward received a donation from WatchNet USA of a security system that includes a VCR with 4 cameras valued at \$450. This item may be raffled off at a later time.

B.) Term expirations/reappointments discussed.

C.) Open Library Board member- Ms. Ianello-Ward has a resume for a new Board member, and is nominating Oliver C. Young, Esq. for the open Board position. The Board members will extend an invitation to Oliver C. Young, Esq. to attend the next Board meeting. Ms. Ianello-Ward will email Mr. Young to extend the invitation.

7.) Town of Amherst Council Member Report

Ms. Bucki reported the Hispanic Heritage Festival was well attended. The Daughters of the American Revolution dedicated a "Never Forget" garden at Amherst State Park.

Ms. Bucki asked Ms. Butler-Smith for documents that stipulate the agreement between the Library and the Town of Amherst about ownership of the buildings. Library by-laws are needed as well. Ms. Butler-Smith will research her files for paperwork.

8.) Finances

A.) 2021 Budget

i.) County bills – Check #s 1820-1837- Motion to approve by Ms. Ianello-Ward, seconded by Ms. Wolfgang. All approve. Checks # 1838-1846 –Motion to approve by Ms. Giambra, seconded by Ms. Feuerstein. All approve.

ii.) Williamsville bills – Check #s 1247,1248 –Motion to approve by Ms. Ianello-Ward, seconded by Ms. Wolfgang. All approve. Check # 1249-Motion to approve by Ms. Giambra, seconded by Ms. Feuerstein. All approve.

iii.) Other bills – Check #s 2602- 2617 -Motion to approve by Ms. Ianello-Ward, seconded by Ms. Wolfgang. All approve. Check #s 2618-2626 –Motion to approve by Ms. Giambra, seconded by Ms. Feuerstein. All approve.

iv.) Bank Balances-Given out with September finance packet

B.) Town of Amherst Budget

Nothing at this time.

9.) Main Library at Audubon Expansion

A.) Update-Nothing to report at this time

10.) Director's Report

A.) Patron Issue- Eggertsville Library had a disruptive patron banned for 90 days. Discussion ensued.

B.)Partnerships with Summit Center and Heritage Group-Ms Butler-Smith reported on the start of a volunteer program at Audubon Library that started this week. School Districts have a partnership here also.

11.) Buildings

Nothing at this time.

12.) Unfinished Business

Nothing at this time.

13.) New Business

A.) 2022 Holiday/ Closing Calendar –Central Library has a different closing calendar than the Amherst Libraries. Our calendar was discussed and voted on. Motion to approve by Ms. Ianello-Ward, seconded by Ms. Wolfgang. All approve.

B.)Hours of Public Service- Ms. Butler-Smith announced she will extend the hours of service at Clearfield library starting January 2022 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday until 9 PM. The decision was made due to construction at Audubon Library and the possibility that Audubon Library may be unavailable for group meetings and library services upon occasion.

14.) Correspondence

Nothing at this time.

15.) Next meeting:

*** November 29 @ 4:15 at Audubon Library.**

*Executive Session was called at 5:10 pm. Ms Butler-Smith was invited to the session to discuss 2 personnel issues. Meeting ended at 5:28 pm.

16.) Adjournment- 5:29 pm- Motion to adjourn by Ms. Penny Wolfgang,, seconded by Carolyn Giambra . All in favor.