

AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Tuesday, January 29, 2014
Secretary's Report

Present: Julie Anain, Marjorie Franknecht, Elizabeth Hofmeister, Barbara Robshaw,
Jeffrey Voelkl, Marjorie Zelman

Also: Roseanne Butler-Smith, Sara Edwards

1) Call to Order

Jeffrey Voelkl called the meeting to order at 4:25 PM in the study room at the Audubon Library.

2) Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Marjorie Franknecht and a second by Barbara Robshaw, the minutes of the December 10, 2013 meeting were approved.

3) Approval of Agenda

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

4) Public Comment

None

5) President's Report

The Amherst Public Library Board of Trustees unanimously elected the following board officers:

Jeffrey Voelkl - President
Marjorie Zelman – Vice-President
Marjorie Franknecht - Treasurer
Barbara Robshaw - Secretary

Today's Board of Trustees meeting was moved from the Williamsville Library to the Audubon Library because the Williamsville Library is closed this afternoon.

Previously scheduled meetings have had date and location changes.

Future meeting dates were scheduled as follows:

March 4, 2014; 4:15 PM Clearfield Library
April 2, 2014; 4:15 PM Audubon Library
May 14, 2014; 4:15 PM Eggertsville-Snyder Library
June 11, 2014; 4:15 PM Williamsville Library

Jeffrey Voelkl informed the board of several Williamsville businesses who have donated items for the Love Your Library Gala and he thanked Barbara Robshaw for her generous sponsorship gift.

Marjorie Franknecht donated several baskets for the basket raffle.

6) Finances

Fines collected in 2013 were higher than anticipated.

7) Director's Report

The Director reported that 10,000 Villages made a generous donation to the Gala and will donate 20% of all sales on March 20, 2014 to the Williamsville Library. Sweet Jenny's has created a library themed ice cream. Sweet Jenny's will donate a percentage of the sales of this flavor to the Williamsville branch.

The Director will sign a construction grant for the HVAC system improvements at Audubon on Friday of this week.

Egbertsville-Snyder Library is the only Amherst Library location hosting tax preparation assistance. It will be provided by volunteers who are IRS, AARP and New York State certified. People age 60 and over are eligible for this service.

Amherst Library provided a summary of activities to B&ECPL system trustees at the December 2013 Board of Trustees meeting.

The Williamsville Library has been granted membership in the Williamsville Business Association.

Sienna College Research Institute conducted a public opinion poll regarding the Library District last November. While attending the December ACT meeting, The Director was told the results of this poll will be available in March.

8) New Business

The contract with the Central Library for 2013 will be signed at the next board meeting.

Audubon Library has been selected to participate in the NYS Edge Initiative Technology Survey. This program, supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, assists public libraries in improving public access technology services and programming. Amherst Public Libraries will be part of only fifty-eight public libraries in New York State participating in this program

9) Unfinished Business

None

10) Correspondence

The Winter, 2014 issue of Trustee Newsletter was distributed to Amherst Library board members.

Director Jakubowski sent year end correspondence to all system board members.

The Development and Communications office sent a news release to trustees listing the most popular and requested book titles borrowed from all 37 libraries during 2013.

11) Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Amherst Public Library is scheduled for March 4, 2014; 4:15 PM Clearfield Library

12) Adjournment

There being no further business, on a motion by Jeffrey Voelkl with a second by Elizabeth Hofmeister the meeting was adjourned at 5:39 PM.