

AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

Minutes Taken by Carolyn Giambra

Present: Julie Anain, Marjorie Franknecht, Carolyn Giambra, Ronald Kern, Jeffrey Voelkl,
Marjorie Zelman

Also: Roseanne Butler-Smith

1) Call to Order

Mr. Voelkl called the meeting to order at 4:19 PM in study room at the Clearfield Library.

2) Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Ms. Zelman and a second by Ms. Anain, the minutes of the meeting held on January 20, 2016 were approved.

3) Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Mr. Voelkl and a second by Ms. Giambra, the agenda for today's meeting was approved.

4) Public Comment

None

5) Director's Report

A.)Gala Update 240 guests attended, sold about 12 tickets at the door, 180 tickets sold ahead of time. Basket raffle tickets are still being sold. \$28,905.00 revenue to date, but some expenses are still outstanding. The event has grown every year since its inception. There were no serious issues; everything went really well and improvements are being made.

B.)Banned Patron Following an incident with an Audubon Library Employee and then a library page, Amherst Police were called and provided with a license plate number of a suspect. The alleged perpetrator was identified, arrested for trespassing, and banned from the Amherst libraries for violating the policy on photographing employees.

6) President's Report

A.)Vacant Trustee Spot Flowers were sent to Ms. Robshaw, in appreciation for her years of service on the board. Mr. Voelkl will offer the vacant seat on the board to Judge Penny Wolfgang.

7) Trustee's Report

A.)ACT meeting, February 6, 2016 Ms. Giambra reported on the activities she attended at the Trustees meeting, including a workshop on the STEM Education Center, a presentation of System Services by Deputy Director Carol Batt, and a presentation on Marketing and Advocacy by Assistant Deputy Director Joy Testa Cinquino. She also toured the new exhibit Milestones of Science: Books that Shook the World.

B.)NYLA Advocacy Day Ms. Butler-Smith and Ms. Giambra will represent the Amherst Public Library System on March 2, 2016, in Albany, to visit the offices of Senator Ranzenhofer and Assemblyman Ray Walter. They will be sharing the messages provided by BECPL and NYLA.

8) Finances

A.)2016 County Budget – nothing to report

B.)2015 Budget – in accordance with the contract, \$113,598.00 will be returned to BECPL system for fiscal year 2015, which represents the amount collected in the branches owed to the system in exchange for services, as calculated by Central Administration. The amount available for program reimbursement to Amherst Public Library from BECPL has been fully claimed.

C.)Gifts-An anonymous donor gave \$500, which was matched by National Fuel Gas.

9) Buildings

No report.

10) Board Policies

An update on board policies will be an agenda item at a future meeting.

11) New Business

A.)Staff Development Day Ms. Butler-Smith has decided to close all branches on May 11, so that all staff may attend the Staff Development Day being offered at the Central Library. She has made attendance mandatory for all regular full-time and part-time staff. Eggertsville-Snyder, Clearfield, and Audubon will open for evening hours, as regularly scheduled.

B.)Charles Dickens program with Mike Randall has already been planned for Friday, December 16, 2016, as a fund-raiser offered in cooperation with the Williamsville Meeting House.

12) Unfinished Business

A.)Debbie Bucki will be our 2016 liaison from the Amherst Town Board.

B.)Clearfield Sunday Hours Ms. Butler-Smith has been invited to the Williamsville PTSA Council meeting on Monday, February 22, to discuss future funding of the Sunday hours.

Mrs. Franknecht agreed to accompany her to the meeting. Possible talking points were identified to assist them in preparing for the discussion.

13) Correspondence

None

14) Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Amherst Public Library is scheduled for Wednesday, March 30, at the Eggertsville-Snyder Library.

15) Adjournment

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Voelkl, seconded by Ms. Zelman, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.