

**CLARENCE TOWN LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
May 20, 2019**

Present: Monica Mooney, Judy Hilburger, Michele Mogavero, Anita Ballow, Joan Schultz and Christopher Greene

Excused: Marge Ebersole

Minutes: Minutes from April 23, 2019 approved with one minor change. *Motion: J. Schultz; 2nd A. Ballow. Unanimous.*

President's Report:

- **Friends** - Judy had just come from the monthly Friends meeting and happily reported that the group has a lot of new members. She also stated that the book sale was very profitable and that the students in the tech class at CHS are currently working on the necessary cabinet for the storeroom (Friends paid for materials).
- **ACT** - No one from Clarence was able to attend the last meeting which focused on library safety, AED/CPR and other relevant issues.

Approval of Claims:

- The board reviewed checks written for April for both the County and Trustee accounts.
- A motion was made to approve the Abstract of Audited Vouchers for County Checking Account:
15C - 18C - *Motion: A. Ballow; 2nd J. Schultz. Unanimous.*
- A motion was made to approve the Abstract of Audited Vouchers for the Trustees Checking Account:
21T through 29T - *Motion: J. Schultz; 2nd A. Ballow. Unanimous.*

Director's Report:

- **Circulation and Statistics** - Circulation is only slightly down and we remain at 7th throughout the system. There has been a positive increase in computer and Wi-Fi usage. Meeting room usage and attendance is also up.
- **Programs** - Monica said that the Joy of Trains is very popular, more so among adults than children. Story Time is also doing very well with already 96 in attendance during the first week of May. The Diabetes Support Groups (Type I and Type II) both have great turnouts. The Lego Club, Dungeons & Dragons and JumpBunch continue to be very popular. Monica visited The Little Red Schoolhouse and brought along Lambchop to speak to about 50 preschoolers. Monica encouraged them all to visit the library and apply for a library card -- which one little guy did the very next day! There will be a summer kick-off event on Saturday, June 29th featuring a hot dog roast and appearance by Batman and his Batmobile! Monica handed out a very extensive list of fun and exciting programs and events for the summer. (See attached.)

- **Issues** - Monica said that despite multiple work orders, the faucets have yet to be repaired and, in fact, have become an issue. Last week one of the younger patrons vomited on the walkway in the front of doors and with the faucet not working, the cleanup became a serious problem. Chris promised to look into this. The donated tree for the Children's Garden was planted in the arboretum, despite Monica's request not to do so. This was a gift to the Garden and also is a delicate tree which should not be planted in such an open area as it now is. A motion was made that Monica put in a work order to have the tree replanted where it is supposed to have originally been placed. *Motion: J. Schultz; 2nd A. Ballow. Unanimous.*
- **Budget** - Due to the current makeup of the state government, the Clarence Public Library may not be given any bullet aid this year. Monica did write a letter to Sen. Ranzenhofer, but is unsure if any money will be forthcoming. There is a balance leftover from previous awards and the group discussed the many items needing to be fixed/replaced: projector, couch, flooring, carpeting and windows. Judy suggested purchasing desks/carrels with charging stations. The idea of a 'loan' projector was also briefly discussed.

Public Comment:

Joan asked Chris about the upcoming elections and primaries. A small discussion took place and Chris mentioned that with primaries now in June, candidates have to canvas for signatures in the winter which is a very different scenario in western NY and upstate than downstate. Judge Sillars is not running for reelection and there are two candidates running for his position. The current town supervisor and two councilmembers are all running unopposed.

Unfinished Business:

- Again, the urgent issue of the repair of the exterior faucets was discussed. The back faucet has been broken for the past six years, despite work orders to have it fixed, and the front one hasn't worked in roughly two years. The window issue has yet to be resolved.

New Business:

- Board members Michael Rockwell and Carey Shoemaker have both resigned their positions. The board briefly reviewed two applications for candidates. Judy will be contacting these community members by phone for a brief interview. It was noted that there is one other interested applicant who will also be filing an application for one of the vacancies. The group will discuss this in more detail next month.

THE BOARD EXTENDS ITS THANKS TO BOTH MICHAEL AND CAREY FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CLARENCE LIBRARY!

Next Meeting and Adjournment:

- Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 24th at 7:15 p.m., however, depending on the release of the contract, may be moved to Thursday, June 27th so that an extraordinary meeting does not have to occur. The public is invited to attend. This meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. *Motion: A. Ballow; 2nd J. Schultz. Unanimous.*