

AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY
550 Main Street, East Aurora, New York 14052
Minutes of the Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
June 28, 2022

Present: Alice Askew, Martha Buyers, Elaine Chow (virtual), Kara Spencer-Ching, Adam Zaremski, Director, Paula M. A. Klocek.

President Kara Spencer-Ching called the meeting to order at 1:14 p.m.

1. Comments from the audience: No one

2. A motion (MB, AA) to approve the minutes of the meetings: May 24, 2022 & June 13, 2022 was carried by a voice vote.

3. A motion (AA, AZ) to approve the Treasurer's Report was carried by a voice vote.

4. Director's Report: May 2022. During discussion of the Director's Report, questions were asked if there are ways to add more programming for high school aged students. It was noted this specific age group is often involved in many activities outside the library and there are many active school groups that would keep students busy. Trustee Buyer also thanked Director Klocek for the library's work in hosting a Roycroft Chamber Music event for patrons.

A motion (AA, AZ) to approve the Director's report was carried by a voice vote.

5. Reports of Interest

a. ATPL's Annual Discard Sale raised \$1,587.34 after taxes. 13 boxes were donated to St. Vincent de Paul. The leftover children's and young adult materials were donated to Parkdale Elementary School as well as Tapestry Charter School.

b. The streaming service, Hoopla, soft-launched on June 1. The TechKnow Lab team is working on printable information for staff and patrons that will be posted as soon as they are available. Klocek discussed the licensing agreement between the library and Hoopla, and how it was an exciting service to offer patrons.

c. Four libraries—Central, Clearfield, Isaías González Soto, and Lackawanna will now be lending Pocketalk Plus handheld voice and text translators that B&ECPL was able to purchase with grant funds. The devices are multi-sensory and capable of translating 82 languages.

d. On Saturday, July 30, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. the Friends of the Library will be holding a pop-up book sale outside of ATPL. This is during the annual Sidewalk Sale, hosted by the Greater East Aurora Chamber of Commerce.

e. Other

- Trustee Askew asked if ATPL would be open in summer, and Klocek said it would so the schedule is consistent for patrons.
- A discussion was also held regarding a recent complaint by a patron over certain books in circulation at ATPL. Klocek noted that our librarians and the Collection Development team that consider what materials to order, and patrons may request an item's removal

from circulation through a Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials process. She also noted the library is there for all patrons and will listen to all concerns.

6. Personnel

- a. Cleaner, PT: Klocek noted that orientation would soon begin for the new staff member.
- b. Payroll Report: Pay Period 11
- c. The board did not enter Executive Session
- d. Other

7. Old Business

- a. Other

8. New Business

- a. A motion (MB, AZ) to approve a Resolution: 2022-22 and to amend the 2022 Budget because of increased state aid and implementing the Fine Free initiative, with corrections regarding library hours and dollar pay difference between a Library Page position and a Senior Library Page position, was carried by a voice vote.
- b. A motion (MB, AA) to approve the System Budget Analysis, March 2022 was carried by a voice vote.
- c. Long Range Plan of Service, Develop/Revise By December 2023. The board will look over the current plan and each trustee will spend the summer considering changes to discuss at the Sept. 27 meeting.
- d. Committees

President Spencer-Ching asked if there was an interest by board members to form committees to discuss certain topics, such as using the Volker Funds. She said the money (\$2,132.25) has been in that account line for many years. It was last used in 2019 for an automated external defibrillator (AED). She wanted to see if there are places to best spend the money, noting some features found at other libraries and possibly bringing them to ATPL. The Volker Funds are not restricted to any specific expenses. Trustee Askew said a committee could include community members to gain greater understanding of what people would like to see at the library. Klocek said ATPL could leverage the Volker Funds for a larger purchase. Spencer-Ching asked board members to think it over during the summer months.

- e. Other

The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on September 27, 2022 at 1 p.m.

A motion (AA, MB) was approved to close the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Zaremski, secretary.