

AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
550 Main Street, East Aurora, New York 14052  
September 24, 2024, Minutes

Present: Martha Buyer, Kara Spencer-Ching, Elaine Chow, Adam Zaremski and Aurora Town Public Library Director, Paula M. A. Klocek. Excused: Sashi Racho

KSC called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

1. There were no comments from the audience.
2. A motion (KSC, AZ) to approve the Minutes of the June 25, 2024 Meeting was carried by a voice vote.
3. A motion (EC, MB) to approve the Treasurer's Report: Monthly Financial Statements, Internal Auditor, & Contingency Fund Reports: June, July, & August 2024 was carried by a voice vote.

During discussion: Klocek noted that Racho had reviewed all of these financial items. She also noted that the Volker funds budget line is now at zero after spending the money on Library of Things items. The ATPL board had tasked Klocek with spending down that fund as it had been in place for many years.

4. A motion (EC, MB) to approve the Director's Reports for June, July, & August 2024 was carried by a voice vote.

5. Reports of Interest

- a. The Friends Pop-Up Sales made \$236.50 (June), \$188.00 (July), \$217.05 (August) with one Pop-Up Sale remaining on Saturday, October 5.
- b. The East Aurora Co-Op has partnered with the Friends of ATPL for a Round Up at the Register from September 1 – October 31, 2024. Co-op shoppers are invited to support the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library by rounding up when they pay for their groceries. Proceeds benefit the Friends.

During discussion, KSC asked if that money could be used to purchase additional items for the Library of Things section. Klocek said it could, adding the Friends group is generally supportive of the library's requests.

Klocek added that ATPL now had Clue Escape games, purchased with funds donated by Alice Askew. These games need to be laminated and organized to make them last for a long time and will be available for circulation once they are able to be processed.

- c. Children ages birth to 11 sign up for a library card at the Aurora Town Public Library during the month of September and enter into a FREE drawing to win a prize! Entries accepted September 3 through September 30, during Regular Library Hours. The winner will be randomly selected at 10 a.m.
- d. Teens and adults sign up for a library card at the Aurora Town Public Library during the month of September and enter into a FREE drawing to win a prize. Entries accepted from September 3 through 30. The winner will be randomly selected at 10 a.m.
- e. Love your right to read and attracted to the "dangerous" type? Check out a mystery banned / challenged book from our display from September 23 - 28 and pick up some free swag, while supplies last.
- f. Local teen is holding Project Flight's Books for Kids drive at ATPL from September 4-20.
- g. The Friends Ongoing Book Sale has been expanded by two full mobile shelving units.
- h. ATPL was approved for a Canva Non-Profit account.
- i. Other

Buyer brought up the ACT meeting on Oct. 19 and said it would be at ATPL. There was some discussion about using local restaurants or grocery stores to obtain food for the day. Buyer said ACT funds would be used to cover those costs, not by ATPL. The meeting will start at 8:30 a.m.

6. Personnel

- a. Payroll Report: Pay Period 13 & 15
- b. There was no reason for the board to enter into an executive session.
- c. A motion (AZ, MB) to approve the hiring of:  
Judy Ruppert & Kimberly McAtee Hired as Pages, PT; William Ruof as Clerk Typist, PT (to be Sr. Library Clerk, November 19, 2024) was approved by a voice vote.
- d. Other

Discussion: Klocek noted she was having trouble finding the right candidates to fill in for a part time librarian. KSC asked if it could be full time, and Klocek said she had heard it can be difficult to make a request like that from Central.

Buyer noted if there is a need for this, Klocek should approach Central and make a request. Klocek said there is a need, as a full time librarian could help with programming.

Zaremski suggested Klocek create a list to show how she would use a full time librarian and the trustees could pass a resolution supporting the measure to pass along to Central showing the ATPL board is in agreement with the Director. Klocek said that she would reach out to Central and begin the conversation.

7. Old Business

- a. New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) Grant  
Klocek said she has not heard anything else on the matter from the town.
- b. Other

8. New Business

- a. Teen Feedback & Library of Things Survey Results
- b. Other

The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on October 22, 2024 at 1 p.m. Buyer said she would be absent from that meeting. KSC, EC and AZ said they would be there.

A motion (MB, EC) to adjourn the meeting at 1:51 p.m. was carried by a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Zaremski

Secretary