

AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY
550 Main Street, East Aurora, New York 14052
Minutes for February 27, 2024

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

President Kara Spencer-Ching called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

1. There were no comments from the audience.

2. A motion (KSC, AZ) to approve the Minutes of the January 23, 2024 regular meeting was carried by a voice vote.

3. A motion (AZ, EC) to approve the Treasurer's Report: Monthly Financial Statements & Internal Auditor Report: January 2024 was carried by a voice vote.

During discussion, Klocek noted that donations made in memory of Nancy Fontanese would be used to purchase additional Wonderbooks, the collection started to memorialize her husband, Alvin Fontanese.

4. A motion (EC, AZ) to approve the Director's Report for January 2024 was carried by a voice vote.

During discussion, KSC said she was happy to see high patron counts for January despite closings due to weather. Questions were also asked about how the streaming service Hoopla works and Klocek provided an explanation.

5. Reports of Interest

a. The East Aurora Art Society has generously sponsored the purchase of wooden mushrooms for a fundraiser in collaboration with the Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library. Each one will be painted and embellished by a different local artist. From February 23 through March 22, the community is invited to buy votes to judge and earn a chance to win their favorite mushrooms. One vote is \$1.00 or 6 votes are \$5.00. Winners will be drawn at random on March 22 at noon. Votes will be tallied to determine which mushroom placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

b. On Monday, March 4, Pizza Del Aureo's has generously offered to donate 10 percent of proceeds raised from all orders from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. to support the Aurora Town Public Library. Visit 615 Oakwood Ave, call (716) 655-3345, or go online to www.pizzadelaureos.com to place an order.

c. On March 16, 2024, ATPL will be present for the It Takes A Community Drug & Alcohol Prevention Coalition Health & Wellness Fair. ITAC works toward preventing youth substance use and providing equal access to services for all populations and reducing health disparities.

During discussion, EC asked about obtaining Narcan to make accessible to patrons, similar to COVID-19 test kits. Klocek said ATPL is looking at the measure, but was first seeing how it was handled at other libraries to understand the best process. She did say there was a plan to obtain a wall kit to have in the library in case there is a need to use one in an emergency.

AZ also asked what would happen at the ITAC session. Klocek said they would bring flyers with information about library resources, services, and programs. There will also be a pencil pull game for children that free book to winners. Everyone will receive a B&ECPL pencil. The event will be held at the Iroquois Central High School.

d. The Library will be at Literacy Night for Parkdale Elementary on March 14, 2024.

e. On March 19, 2024, East Aurora Preschool will be coming for a class visit.

f. ATPL is participating in EAclipse at Knox State Park on April 8, 2024.

g. The non-financial section of the Library's 2023 NYS Report and Report to the Community have been completed, pending Board approval at the annual meeting on April 23 at 12:30 p.m.

h. The picture book section is undergoing the genrefication process. The goals are to help children as well as parents and caregivers easily identify what they are seeking to read, make the area more approachable, and encourage exploration of books by making browsing easier. Further, accessibility will improve and circulation likely will be positively impacted.

i. Other

Klocek noted that a NASA solar eclipse ambassador would be at the library April 3 for a session open to adults and children, eight years of age and older, who register.

6. Personnel

a. Payroll Report: Pay Period 26

b. There was no reason for the board to enter Executive Session.

c. Other

7. Old Business

a. Library Storage

Klocek said the Aurora Town Highway Department had installed shelving in the new shed and it was being used. More efforts are underway to best organize the space.

b. Girl Scout Gold Award Project

Klocek said she is still waiting to see if the group doing the garden will continue to manage it in future years and she is trying to see if they will need insurance to do the work. More to come at a future meeting.

c. Staff Appreciation Day: March 1, 2024

d. ACT Meeting, Annual Workshop: March 9, 2024 @ 8:30 a.m.

e. Other

During discussion, AZ talked about an email discussion with Aurora Town Supervisor Charles Snyder to ask about an item on a recent Town Board agenda talking about the library and eminent domain for property in the hamlet of West Falls. Snyder said it dealt with a right-of-way for the West-Falls Colden Library and did not have anything to do with ATPL.

8. New Business

a. 2023 Contract Extension and 2024 Budget Schedules

b. Contract Library "System Paid" Budget Analysis

c. Other

The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on March 26, 2024 @ 1:00 p.m.

A motion (EC, AZ) was made to close the meeting at 1:41 p.m. and was carried by a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Zaremski

Secretary