

AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY
550 Main Street, East Aurora, New York 14052
Minutes for the Jan. 23, 2024 Meeting

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

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

1. There were no comments from the audience.

2. A motion (MB, KSP) was made to approve the Minutes of the December 19, 2023 meeting and it was carried by a voice vote.

3. A motion (AZ, MB) was made to approve the Treasurer's Report: Monthly Financial Statements & Internal Auditor Report: December 2023 and it was carried by a voice vote.

4. A motion (MB, AZ) was made to accept the Director's Report: December 2023 and it was carried by a voice vote.

During discussion, Spencer-Ching noted that she was impressed with the patron count numbers, and Buyer commended the library director and staff for the "remarkable job of getting people in the library, not only for books, but for programs."

Klocek said staff have helped in that regard and social media is reaching more people. She also read a positive Google review that had come in before the meeting and had two letters by patrons who were complementing the library staff.

Klocek also said the Friends of the Aurora Library were donating over \$700 for shelving in the new shed. The Aurora Town Highway department will install the shelves at a later date.

Buyer also noted that she had taken her oath of office and was all set to serve another 5-year term on the board.

Buyer asked Klocek if ATPL could obtain snowshoes for adults to rent. Klocek noted the library has youth-sized snowshoes and those were popular, she is looking at adult-sized snowshoes.

5. Reports of Interest

a. At the start of the New Year, the library sent outreach letters to EA Preschool Center, EA Community Nursery, Baker Preschool, Duck Duck Goose, First Presbyterian Preschool, EA Montessori, Immaculate Conception School, Nativity, Waldorf, and Holland UPK.

b. 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 mushroom.

One vote is \$1 or 6 votes are \$5. Winners will be drawn at random on March 22 at noon.

Votes will be tallied to determine which mushroom placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

c. Other

6. Personnel

- a. Payroll Report: Pay Period 24
- b. There was no reason for the board to enter into an Executive Session.
- c. Other

7. Old Business

- a. Klocek followed up by saying that the new library storage was not ready to use yet, but will be once the highway department is able to install shelves.
- b. Girl Scout Gold Award Project: Klocek has reached out to the Girl Scout seeking to do this project and is waiting to hear back for additional details.
- c. Other

8. New Business

- a. Staff Appreciation Day: March 1, 2024
- b. Review Schedule for Board Adopted Policies
- c. A motion was made (MB, AZ) to approve Special Hours at ATPL for 2024: 10/31, 12/31 and 7/3 will have hours of 10 am to 5 pm and will be closed 12/24, and this motion was carried by a voice vote.
- d. Library Advocacy Day: February 7, 2024
- e. Other

Zaremski asked about a recent Aurora Town Board meeting regarding an eminent domain action for property in West Falls that was supposedly owned by ATPL. He said he would follow up on what this meant.

Buyer said the next ACT workshop is on March 9.

The next regularly scheduled ATPL board meeting will take place on February 27, 2024 at 1 p.m.

A motion was made (MB, AZ) to close the meeting at 1:43 pm and it was carried by a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Zaremski
Secretary