

## **Eden Library Board of Trustees**

**February 9, 2026**

Library board president Pat Smith called the meeting to order at 5:21 pm. In attendance were Jon Wilcox, Paula Blandino, Susan Wilhelm and Library Director Donna-Jo Webster.

The minutes of the January 12, 2026, meeting were read. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Susan Wilhelm and seconded by Jon Wilcox. Minutes were unanimously approved as read.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Sadly, patron count hasn't hit 1000, and the library was closed for four days in January due to holidays and inclement weather. Pat Smith asked a question about circulation, and Donna-Jo responded that circulation is about half of what we did 10 years ago. Currently our circulation is better than seven other library locations.

Donna-Jo presented the following bills to be paid: Erie County Water Authority for \$78.05, Amherst Alarm for \$90.00, Eden North Collins Pennysaver for \$80.00. Susan Wilhelm made a motion to pay these bills, Jon Wilcox seconded the motion. The motion to pay these bills was unanimously approved.

Donna-Jo reported on balances and additions to the Local Revenue Fund.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There is nothing new to report regarding repairing the leak. A small amount of water is dripping, and plastic bins are being used to catch it. Jon will ask Scott to look at it and possibly solder the copper piping.

Re-seeding will need to wait until spring; top soil and seeding will be needed at that time.

Sue couldn't locate her flags. Donna-Jo will order more durable, heavy duty flags.

The date is set for the next book sale. Work will start soon.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Donna-Jo reported that February is outreach month. During literacy month at the middle school, three games of concentration were played and forty kids participated. On Wednesday, February 11 Donna-Jo will be a guest reader at Reading Night at the elementary school. Seneca Nation Headstart story time will take place on February 23, 24 and 26.

Donna-Jo received another mysterious check from the Give Lively foundation in the amount of \$86.99.

Jon asked about having snowshoes available to borrow from the library since other neighboring libraries have them available. Donna-Jo will research prices and send an email to trustees with numbers.

Pat noted that a trustee workshop will be held on March 21 at 9:00 am at the main library downtown.

We briefly discussed completing the library's five-year plan. Someone from Daemen University may help with strategic planning.

#### POLICY REVIEW

Pat compiled and distributed a list of library policies and their expiration dates. The Community Room policy will be reviewed. New insurance would be needed if the Community Room were to be open after regular hours. The FOIL policy review date was updated to May, 2025 after the date was located in minutes from past meetings.

The next meeting will be held on March 16 at 5:15 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Blandino, Acting Secretary