

March 8, 2023  
Eden Library Board of Trustees

Library Board President Pat Smith called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. In attendance were Jim Agle, Linda Meyer, Jon Wilcox, Town Board liaison Sue Wilhelm and Library Director Donna-Jo Webster. Trustee Bettyann Neifer was excused. This meeting was held in person.

The minutes of the February 1, 2023 meeting were read. A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Jon to accept the minutes. The motion was passed.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Donna-Jo reported on statistics for the month and noted that we did better than 10 locations in February despite being closed for Presidents' Day and two days for the wall project. Donna-Jo participated in a literacy night at the middle school during February. She also noted that the first eight days of March have seen increased circulation and good patron counts.

#### BILLS:

The following bills were presented for payment:

- Eden/North Collins Pennysaver ..... \$206
- Amherst Alarm .....\$74.85
- Gui's .....\$7.18

A motion was made by Jon and seconded by Jim to approve payment of this bill. This motion was passed. The Givinga Foundation turns out to be a legitimate organization that processes charitable donations; the check we received was in memory of Fran Palmerton.

We have also received an invoice from Tru Green for 4 lawn care applications this year. The total is \$491.00. There was discussion as to whether this is needed. Donna-Jo mentioned that she has had comments from patrons against having the library lawn sprayed. Pat will get in touch with Bettyann to see if we have signed a contract for this year. If we have not, we will cancel this service for this year.\*\*

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

There was no Treasurer's Report.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- The Town's work on fixing the wall above the charging desk is basically finished. There is just some quarter-round molding needed to finish up the bases of the new support posts. They will finish this up during hours that the library is not open.
- Our request for funding to replace the carpeting was approved by the System Board at their February meeting. We were approved for \$31,624 to come from the Program

Equipment and Facility Improvement Initiative (PEFII). We will cover what is not covered under the PEFII grant. Jon has not received an estimate yet from the first supplier he contacted; he will be contacting another one to get an estimate so that we can get started with this project.

- Linda will ask Fran Palmerton's daughter if she has any idea of a memorial for her mother. We also need to resume work on the idea of a memorial for Phil Muck.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Jon suggested looking into getting new laminate for the top of the charging desk. It is beginning to look quite worn. He will look into getting an idea of the cost and who might be able to install it.
- There was discussion whether or not to replace the Plexiglas screens that had been erected during Covid to provide some protection for the staff. They have been taken down while the Town was working on the wall project. It was decided to leave them down for now.
- Donna-Jo noted that the popular Cookbook Club is resuming this week after being disbanded during the Covid years. There is a lot of interest and people are looking forward to it. This month's cookbook is "The Well-Plated Cookbook."
- Dates for the Book Sale were set for April 19, 20, 21, 22.
- Pat received word from the Town that Sue Wilhelm cannot serve on our board due to potential conflict of interest matters that related to funding.

The next meeting will be held on April 12 at 5:15 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Meyer, secretary

\*\* Pat contacted Bettyann concerning the lawn care applications. We had not signed a contract. Bettyann called the company on March 9, 2023 and was able to cancel their service for this year.