

May 11, 2022  
Eden Library Board of Trustees

Library Board President Pat Smith called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m. In attendance were Jim Agle, Linda Meyer, Bettyann Neifer, Jon Wilcox, Town Board liaison Sue Wilhelm and Library Director Donna-Jo Webster. Also attending this meeting were John Spears, new director of the B&ECPL; Kimberly Johnson, chair of the B&ECPL system board; and Carima El-Behairy, vice chair of the B&ECPL system board. This meeting was held in person with proper social distancing.

The minutes of the April 13, 2022 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. Circulation for April was up significantly over the preceding month and our numbers were better than 13 other locations. She reported that the System's new fine-free, auto renewal policy seems to be working well although some patrons seem a little confused by it.

The individual who was going to conduct the butter lamb workshop was unable to direct it due to illness, but the workshop went off without a hitch by using a YouTube video that Donna-Jo was able to find.

Notice has been received that Legislator John Mills will be making monetary donations to each of the libraries in his district. We have also received a donation of \$270 from Home Depot through the auspices of Garrett Lorenzo.

Donna-Jo will be participating in an outreach program at the Eden Elementary School on May 23. The school district is sponsoring their first Mental Health night. She will be giving out bookmarks, library card applications and will have a selection of books with her that deal with mental health topics for various age groups.

The Friends group Weidner's Chicken BBQ was a success with 250 dinners sold. The Friends will also be sponsoring an author talk on June 1<sup>st</sup> by John Zach. He will speak about his book "The Day the Buffalo River Burned."

#### BILLS:

The following bills were presented for payment:

- DFT Security..... \$74.85
- Erie County Water..... \$56.91
- Gui's Lumber..... \$52.62 (materials to fix the bad spot in the lawn and supplies for touching up the sign)
- Eden/North Collins Pennysaver.... \$144.00

A motion was made by Jon and seconded by Jim to approve payment of these bills. This motion was passed.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bettyann reported on disbursements and balances in checking and savings accounts since January 1, 2022.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Printed copies of the Long Range Plan of Service were given to each board member to read through before the next meeting. We will entertain discussion at that time and act to approve it.
- We have received an estimate from Junior's Landscaping for the proposed outdoor reading area that would be a memorial to Phil Muck. Unfortunately the proposal was more than \$35,000. We will rethink this project. Linda will let them know that we are not able to proceed at this time; she will also contact Brockman Brothers to see if they could at least pour a smaller concrete pad to get this project started.
- All of the board members attended the ACT meeting on May 7, 2022 so no report was given. Attending this fulfills our continuing education requirement for the year.
- Bettyann reported that The Well in North Collins would take a few children's books and Christian adult books to donate to patrons. The Food Pantry does not want to participate in giving away books.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Donna-Jo noted that the Friends group would be meeting on May 16 at 6 p.m.
- There was some general discussion with the new director and the B&ECPL system board members about library services and plans for the system. One of the items discussed was some type of service within the system that could help to sell collectible books on-line. They also had a chance to tour our building during their visit.

The next meeting will be held on June 22 at 5:15 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Meyer, secretary