

Eden Library Board of Trustees
May 12, 2025

Library board president Pat Smith called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. In attendance were Linda Meyer, Jon Wilcox, Sue Wilhelm, and Library Director Donna-Jo Webster. Former trustee Jim Agle was also in attendance.

The minutes of the April 7, 2025 meeting were read. A motion was made by Jon and seconded by Sue to accept the minutes as read. This was passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Statistics for the month of April were consistent with previous months and were better than 8 other locations for the month. The University Express programs are starting and should bring in some higher program numbers. There have been 2 group visits from ARC of Erie County with 7 clients visiting the library and having their lunch in the Community Room. Donna-Jo expects end-of-the-year school visits to start.

The following bills were presented for payment:

1. Amherst Alarm.....\$83.85
2. Erie County water.... \$77.13
3. Gui's Lumber\$48.56
4. Pennysaver (March)\$112
5. Pennysaver (April)\$176
6. Budget Blinds \$3060.46

A motion was made by Jon and seconded by Sue to authorize payment of these bills with the Budget Blinds amount coming out of Library board funds. This was passed.

On June 3 the University Express program will be "Lets Talk Sports". This has been a popular program and should draw a good crowd.

Sue mentioned that the 1st Town concert of the summer would be held June 1. She will hand out flyers noting summer library programs if Donna-Jo puts one together.

Donna-Jo also reported on the balance in the Local Revenue account.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no report.

OLD BUSINESS

Amherst Alarm: Pat reported that she had talked to someone from the company who was at the book sale and they noted that they handle the security systems for many of the county libraries. Our system is older and an upgrade would be needed to be able to access it remotely. Donna-Jo reported that they were able to change the code that the library drivers use without having a service call. We are now in compliance with Central's request to standardize the code for the drivers.

The new blinds in the Community Room have been installed.

Linda tidied the gardens and cut back old blossoms. The plantings all survived the winter. She also spoke with Turnbolls Nursery and they said to let them know if anything starts to look bad. There is a one-year warranty. The garden sign we had made in Phil's memory should be put out in the garden on the side facing the main entrance. We still need to look at what we might do with a seating area and screen near the Woodside entrance.

Linda noted that while she was cleaning things up in the garden she noted an area on the front of the building where all the mulch has washed away. Either the gutter or downspout at that corner is overflowing. Donna-Jo will put in a work order with the Town to look at it.

We are still looking into a board replacement.

NEW BUSINESS

Pat announced that there will be an ACT meeting on May 31 in Clarence. The ACT board is currently planning an agenda for that meeting.

The Freedom of Information Law policy (FOIL), which is a standard policy throughout the system, was discussed and approved as it currently stands. A motion was made by Sue and seconded by Jon to maintain this policy. This was passed.

There was discussion concerning having a summer picnic. Last year's attendance was down. Suggestions included having it only every other year, having it earlier in the summer, having it in conjunction with the Freddy Frog foam party which was a big hit last summer. This last suggestion seemed good and Donna-Jo will see when or if he's available.

At next month's meeting will review the following board policies: Petty Cash, Ethics, and Distribution. Board members should review these on the library's web site prior to the meeting.

The next meeting will be held on June 9 at 5:15 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Meyer, Secretary