

May 17, 2023

Eden Library Board of Trustees

Library Board President Pat Smith called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. In attendance were Jim Agle, Linda Meyer, Bettyann Neifer, Jon Wilcox, Town Board liaison Sue Wilhelm and Library Director Donna-Jo Webster. This meeting was held in person.

The minutes of the April 17, 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; circulation and patron counts were up. The old fax machine has been recycled. The library recently received a \$1000 donation from Wayne Schacher and \$2000 in bullet aid funds from Legislator John Mills.

The spring/summer session of University Express programs started last week and three visits by third graders are already scheduled for next month.

BILLS:

The following bills were presented for payment:

- Eden/North Collins Pennysaver \$133.00
- Gui's\$13.17
- Erie County Water.....\$63.78
- Amherst Alarm.....\$74.85

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bettyann reported on disbursements and current balances in all accounts. The Book Sale brought in \$772.00.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Jon reported on the carpet project. He has solicited quotes from four companies and we have received two bids. One is for \$36,900 and the other for \$29,800. He brought up the idea of having a design consultant make suggestions about possible patterns in the new carpet installation. This would cost about \$500. It was decided that we would not use this service, as we will try to keep to a more uniform color throughout.

The carpet project may be delayed a bit as Dave Rice wants to address a potential drainage issue before new carpet is put down. The Town has allocated \$20,000 from its Covid rescue funds to possibly regrade the parking lot side of the building. Dave is concerned that water could have been leaking into the building from ground level because the soil is higher and that is what has caused the carpet to buckle. The Board is concerned that they may be removing all of our foundation plantings and also the trees

on that side. Board members felt that this seemed a little extreme. Jon suggested that there could be other solutions that would not necessitate the removal of these. He will talk to Dave about alternatives. But this issued must be resolved before we put down the new carpet.

- Replacing the surface on the front desk is on hold for now.
- Pat and Linda sorted out some of the books left from the sale and Pat took them to the UUAW Book Sale, which will be held in a few weeks.
- There was no report on the memorial project for Phil and Fran.
- The lift is still not operational. Sue Wilhelm will check to see who services the elevator at the Town Hall and see if they can look at this. Bettyann will also check with Wesley Elevator because they have done recent inspections.
- Pat plans to attend the ACT meeting on May 20.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Donna-Jo announced that the Friends are hosting a Chicken BBQ on July 12 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. to benefit the Library.
- Sue Wilhelm noted that the Eden Fire Departments would be celebrating their 100th anniversaries on September 16 with a Community Day on the Legion Grounds.
- There was discussion about having some kind of summer event like a hot dog roast, ice cream social, or a special program. We need to come up with some additional ideas and get something in the works.

The next meeting will be held on June 21 at 5:15 p.m.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Meyer, secretary