June 22, 2022
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, Bettyann Neifer, Jon Wilcox, and Library Director Donna-Jo Webster. This meeting was held in person with proper social distancing.

The minutes of the May 11, 2022 meeting were read. A motion was made by Jon and seconded by Jim to accept the minutes. The motion was passed.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Donna-Jo reported on statistics for the month and noted that even though we did not renew our subscription to the Code Club, there are still a number of individuals signing in to it which is reflected in the numbers for virtual programming. The library recently hosted 107 students from the third grade classes and most children took out a book. Our May circulation was better than that of 14 other locations.

We have received notice that DFT Security has been purchased by Amherst Alarm upon the retirement of Jim Brass, owner of DFT.

The outreach program that Donna-Jo participated in at the Eden Elementary School was well received; she distributed bookmarks, library card applications and other information as well as having a display of books on mental health topics.

BILLS:
The following bill was presented for payment:
  • Haier’s Fire Extinguishers.....$76.00
A motion was made by Bettyann and seconded by Jon to approve payment of these bills. This motion was passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT:
There was no Treasurer’s Report.

OLD BUSINESS:
• Board members had been given printed copies of the proposed Long Range Plan of Service for 2023 through 2027 at the last meeting so that they could review it. There was no discussion at this meeting, but Linda made a motion that the Plan be adopted. This was seconded by Jim and passed.

• There was discussion concerning the memorial for Phil Muck. There has been concern that an outdoor area might not be utilized very much. Other ideas that were mentioned included doing something in the children’s reading area, a plaque denoting his years of service, installing bird feeders/bird bath. This discussion will continue at the next meeting.

• Bettyann took some children’s books to The Well in North Collins. She reported that they would also accept DVDs.
• Holding a Book Sale was discussed. Pat talked with the system director about having a county-wide book sale at all libraries on the same day. He felt that a proposal for something like this should come from ACT or the library directors. Pat also reached out to Dick Earne, president of ACT, concerning this. During this conversation he told Pat that Grand Island uses a company which takes all their leftover books and sends them to third world countries; he has promised to give Pat the contact information. Pat has also talked to Waste Management about discarding books and was told that they do not want large quantities of books placed in recycling.

NEW BUSINESS:
• Donna-Jo noted that the Friends group would be meeting on July 18 at 6 p.m. They are planning an Ice Cream Social in July with details to come.

• There was discussion concerning summer programming and getting people back in the library. It was noted that the Hamburg and Lake Shore Libraries have their programs listed in The Sun but we do not. Linda will contact the paper to see about being included. We will also do some print ads in the Pennysaver to try to get more interest. Putting the information on social media will also continue.

• Donna-Jo announced that the Eden Library will be a site for some of Erie County Senior Services University Express programs starting this fall.

• There was discussion concerning the Eden Library’s opening on Juneteenth. The system board made a very last minute decision concerning closure for June 20 that left it up to individual libraries. We were one of six that remained open that day. In the future the board felt that this should be included in our list of dates that we are closed.

• The 2022 Contract was sent to all board members electronically for review. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve our Contract for Services with the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library for 2022.

The next meeting will be held on July 13 at 5:15 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Meyer, secretary