

September 13, 2023 (Amended)
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, Town Board Liaison Sue Wilhelm and Library Director Donna-Jo Webster. Sue Wilhelm has been approved by the Eden Town Board to become a library trustee. She will continue to serve as our liaison with the Town as well. The Board voted to accept the Town Board's recommendation and welcomed Sue as a new board member. Her term will expire December 31, 2028.

The minutes of the August 9, 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 July and August numbers were almost identical. Our circulation for the month was better than that of 16 other locations. The Summer Carnival program was a big hit with lots of young families attending. Shurfine donated all the hot dogs and rolls for the event and there was no charge to patrons; they were a good addition to the cotton candy and other treats that were part of the carnival.

William moved boxes of books for the book sale to the basement by using the lift to move the books and then running down the stairs to manually open the door and remove items before sending it back upstairs. We are thankful for his energy and ability to carry out this work while we await repairs to the lift.

BILLS:

The following bills were presented for payment:

- Eden/North Collins Pennysaver \$140
- Gui's\$18.17

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bettyann reported on disbursements and current balances in all accounts.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Town is expected to start work on the drainage project in early October. Donna-Jo is writing a grant application to the Eden Community Foundation for possible funding to help with replacing all the plantings. Turnbull's Nursery put together a very cursory quotation to be used for this, but they stated the actual cost could vary quite a bit depending on parts of the work that the Town might provide instead of them. This will be reflected in the application to ECF.

- The part that is needed for the lift has been ordered.
- Jon will call Hamburg Glass again and ask them to come take a look at the window in the Meeting Room that is cloudy.
- Dates for the Fall Book Sale were set for October 18 to 21.
- The Town maintenance staff removed the old kitchenette and replaced it with a countertop and new shelving. It provides a lot more usable space in this area.
- The new carpeting was discussed. We have already received the funds for 90% of the cost from Central and will receive the final 10% upon completion. There is some concern that this is taking longer to complete than we had anticipated. Jon suggested that we should go ahead and order the carpeting so that it is available once the drainage issue is addressed. He will order larger size samples in three colors of a pattern that we liked. Board members should stop in to look at them as soon as they arrive.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Pat reported that the AAUW book sale will begin taking book donations for their next sale on September 26. We will sort out some of the non-fiction that has been around for a while and donate it. Pat will take them to the site.
- A donation box for the pantry at St. John's church has been in the library for several weeks. A patron had asked if the library provide a spot for people to leave donations. It will be removed. While a worthwhile project, the board felt that this opened us up to having to provide drop-off space for any other churches or organizations that collect for the food pantry or other causes. Future requests like this should be referred to the board before being committed to.
- Former library director Joyce Maguda will be holding a Launch Party for her new children's book on Monday, October 9 at 2 p.m.
- Bettyann asked why we are not using the portable sign to advertise programs. Donna-Jo said that it is not very stable and often blows away. We need to look at it and see if there is a way to make it easier to secure.
- Donna-Jo said that University Express would be holding 7 programs at the Eden Library this fall; the first one is in October.

The next meeting will be held on October 11 at 5:15 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Meyer, secretary