

October 11, 2021
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, Town Board liaison Sue Wilhelm and Library Director Donna-Jo Webster. This meeting was held in person with proper social distancing.

The minutes of the August 30, 2021 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 is down a little but we are still doing better than 15 other locations. There had been interest from patrons in story hours resuming, but attendance has been very poor most of the time.

The light timer is not working again. The Town has been made aware of this and they are purchasing a new digital one which may work better.

McAllister Plumbing was at the library on September 27 to perform the annual backflow inspection.

BILLS:

The following bills were presented for payment:

\$17.58—Gui's

\$84.00—Eden Pennysaver (for the book sale)

\$198.35—Eden Tractor (servicing/repairs to the snowblower)

Jim made a motion approving payment of these bills; it was seconded by Jon and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bettyann reported that we made \$1271.55 on the book sale; the largest amount in a long time. She also noted that we have received an invoice from Turnbull's Nursery for the planting of the new shrubbery around the air conditioner units. A motion was made by Jon and seconded by Jim confirming the written estimate and approving payment; this was passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- There was discussion concerning sharing book sale profits with the Friends group since a number of their members helped during the sale. It was decided to give them \$600 from the proceeds.
- The boiler project is finished. Donna-Jo noted that we have still not received the final 10% that we are due from the State for the air conditioning project which was finished up in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Donna-Jo handed out some information that was shared at the Directors' meeting about what other libraries do with materials that do not sell at their book sales. We have an advantage in that we can leave ours set up, but it is also a problem because some items are quite old. It was decided to hold a second sale November 2, 3 and 6 at cut-rate prices to get rid of additional material. On Tuesday and Wednesday patrons can purchase individual books for 25¢ each or an entire bag for \$2.00. On Saturday everything will basically be free or shoppers can make a donation. Hopefully this will clear out some of the older material.

- Linda presented a brief overview of the ACT meeting that had been held on Zoom on October 2. Topics included the status of the director's search, the possibility of required continuing education for trustees, innovations from the pandemic that are still working, the budget and construction aid applications, and the role of Friends groups.

- Pat asked if we had an older American flag that we could put up for the winter months. The one we currently have was given to the library in April; we will continue to use this one through the winter.

- Donna-Jo noted that the next Friends meeting would be held on October 18 at 6 p.m.

- The next board meeting will be held on November 8 at 5:15 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Meyer, secretary