

December 13, 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, 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 November 8, 2021 meeting were read. A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Bettyann to accept the minutes. The motion was passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Donna-Jo reported on statistics for the month. Circulation is up slightly. We are still doing better than 17 other locations. Year-to-date we are above where we were in 2020. There does not seem to be much interest in storytime right now. The "Cooking with Herbs" program on Wednesday night will be held in the Main Reading Room so that attendees can be spread out. The Friends group is sponsoring this program.

BILLS:

The following bill was presented for payment:

\$15.99—Gui's (for heavy duty garbage bags)

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bettyann reported balances in checking and saving accounts. The Town has been paid for most of the last project but we are still waiting for funding that is coming from the State.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Donna-Jo is not going to pursue getting the turtle from the Town of Tonawanda library.
- Sue Wilhelm reported that the Town has been made aware of the issue with the light panels. They need to rent a piece of equipment in order to reach them. In a related matter, Donna-Jo noted that one of the very high windows in the Reading Room blew open during the windstorm over the weekend. Central's deliveryman was able to push it shut but it needs looking at. Donna-Jo will tell Tony about it, but it might have to get added to the repairs when the Town fixes the light panels.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Pat reported that ACT will be holding its next meeting via Zoom again. The date is tentatively set for January 8. One of the topics will focus on what types of investments libraries can make with donated funds.

- The Eden Library will receive \$2000 in county funding from Legislator John Mills. He requested this funding for all the libraries in his district. Donna-Jo has sent him a thank you note.
- Central has established their 2022 holiday list. Donna-Jo asked what the board would like to do about Christmas Eve hours. Since Christmas falls on Sunday, the observed date would be December 26 for all libraries. It was decided that we would also be closed on Sat., Dec. 24. For New Year's Eve will remain at our regular open hours and the library will be closed on Jan. 1 and 2, 2023.
- We have received a bill from TruGreen for next year's lawn treatments. A motion was made by Jim that we pay this bill in advance using funds that we still have in our county account. This was seconded by Bettyann and passed.
- Bettyann suggested that Jon should have a key to the library and a password for the alarm so that he can help if there are issues in the building.
- The next Friends meeting will be held on January 24, 2022.
- The next board meeting will be held on January 10 at 5:15 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Meyer, secretary