Elma Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting February 13, 2024

Attendance: Tom Carloni, Nathan Clinard, Eileen Holden, Bridgett Jacyna, Holly Neu, Tom Pirrung, Paul Schwiegerling, and Sue Sudlik.

Meeting opened at 6:30 P.M.

Minutes of the December 2023 meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

Librarian's Report: Circulation and visitor numbers for 2023 and January 2024 show continued increases in all areas. We remain above average for Town branches. Programs for younger patrons remain very popular, especially Toddler Time and craft programs. Adult programs have also been well attended. Tom attended Manager/Director meetings in December and January. Jessi attended webinar trainings in December and a planning meeting in January. Shannon continues to study for her notary exam.

Treasurer's Report: Paul's report showed the increase in both CD Funds following the recent reinvestment.

ACTS: The next meeting is scheduled for March 9 at the Central branch.

Friends: The next meeting is scheduled for April, and will include an election of officers. The latest basket raffle brought in \$145.00.

Buildings and Grounds: The sink pump remain in the works but the Town is aware of the situation. Larry will be off for a while on medical leave. Replacement coverage has been approved and scheduled.

Publicity: Recent coverage has been very good. The African drum program was written up and photographed by the local media.

Old Business: The University Express schedule will be released soon. 12 programs have been scheduled beginning May 1. The birding program has been set for April 13. We will look for donations of wood and nails to build bird boxes. Butter lambs will be back on Easter Saturday for two sessions. Kate and Shannon have a Junk Journaling program set for 2/24. Cookbook Club will resume on March 27 and will be quarterly. The Seed Library will be starting up in late February. A date will be announced soon for the Plant Exchange. The Eclipse Party will be held on April 8.

New Business: Paul attended the Library Advocacy Day in Albany along with 15 others from Erie County. Discussions were held with Representatives Riviera and DiPietro as well as some aides from other offices. Operating, construction, and materials costs were discussed as well as the Novel program. Paul felt it was well worth the time. The display case currently houses some antique musical instruments and sheet music from the Elma Historical Society. Eileen and Tom C. will review the local 2023 newspapers for binding. The Board members received copies of

the latest Trustee Handbook and signed updated Conflict of Interest Statements. The current Board officers were re-elected to new annual terms.

All minutes and reports submitted were approved 7-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Nathan Clinard, Secretary