Elma Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
January 9th, 2018


Excused: Jay Ricketts, Eileen Holden

Formally Resigned: Susan Sudlik

The opening information shared by Kim was that sadly, Sue Sudlik, had to resign at this time. Her presence will be deeply missed and we wish her the best.

Minutes: The minutes from the December meeting were reviewed.

Librarian’s Report: Tom reported that the library received some nice donations from Dawn Vona and Sue Sudlik. Computer usage has been down. There were some excellent programs that took place in December. The Graham cracker houses and Santa sponsored by the FRIENDS was a huge hit. The Stained Glass window program by Explore and More was well attended.

Treasurer’s Report: There have been some major expenses, the new blind in the meeting room and half of the payment for the reupholstering of the chairs. The remainder of the cost for the chairs will be paid upon completion which should be in the next week or two.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ACT: ACT will be meeting on January 20th at the City of Tonawanda Library. Dave asked that it be noted that George Oliver, a former ACT president has died.

FOTEL: There was a meeting January 8th. They talked about the success of the graham cracker house project. The Friends were going to pay for the new fish tank, but our library received a $500 donation from the Anniversary Gala, collected and distributed to all of the Erie County libraries, and that money was used instead. Kate asked for some finger puppets and some other items which were purchased by the Friends. Dave said that their goal is not to spend more than $2,000 per year. They will be sponsoring the Botanical Gardens’ Plants program with chocolate tasting and making perfumed bath bombs in February.

Buildings and Grounds: The current leaks in the roof have been reported to the town. The roof is scheduled to be repaired as part of the building grant we received. The work should be done in the spring.

Publicity: Adam, from the Elma Review, came by for pictures of the fish tank which will be in the paper.

Policy: the disclosure statement was reviewed and signed.

OLD BUSINESS

Outdoor Sign: has been tabled until the February meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Memorial Day Parade: Tom asked if we still want to have the Book Mobile in the parade and we unanimously agreed that it was a great idea. Tom will get hold of the town to get the time parameters and fill our and required forms.

Hours, Community Survey, Scheduling: A discussion was conducted on our hours after Mary Jean and Ken’s visit in December. Dave made a motion, seconded by Kim that the library hours will be 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. on
Fridays all year round. This was approved 4-0. We discussed the creation of a survey for the community and Tom will create it and it will be placed at the library, the Senior Center and the Town Hall for community members to fill out regarding the library hours.

Dave made a motion, seconded by Kim to approve all reports and adjourn at 8:30. Passed 4-0.

Submitted by Terry E. Booth