

Town of Tonawanda Public Library

Board of Trustees

Tuesday September 12, 2023

Attendees-Mary Muscarella, Richard Geer, Annette DellaPosta, Stanley Pustulka, Mark Jowett, Marney Klein, Tom Reigstad, Sharon Sullivan, Kathy Kanaley

The September 12, 2023, meeting was held at the Kenmore library and called to order at 5:35 pm.

Mary introduced Ms. Elaine Panty, B&ECPL Board Trustee.

Motion made by Annette, seconded by Mark to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Annette seconded by Stan to approve the August 8, 2023; minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marney, seconded by Rick to approve payment of the bills and treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

REPORT of the CHAIR-Rick reported that Carl Szarek had donated \$100 for the Kenilworth picnic. Also, one- way signs for Kenmore parking lot are coming and Rick reported to the Town attorney the continuing broken chairs issue.

REPORT of the DIRECTOR- Review of attached Kenmore and Kenilworth libraries activities for August 2023. Kenmore #3 in B&EC Libraries in circulation.

Senior Page James Gugliuzza graduated from UB with his MLIS and will be leaving Kenmore to work at City of Tonawanda Library. Becca Nagle has been promoted to Senior Page.

Kenilworth restroom project is included in our 2024 NYS Construction Grant for review. Town will commit to 25% of cost. The library will pay for new window installation as part of this project.

Library of Things purchases for both branches are made with Sen. Ryan's Bullet Aid.

Lucky Day program will begin mid- September.

Seed library creation is in progress looking for storage for seeds, develop process.

Kenilworth picnic set for 9/16. Board members are encouraged to attend.

Motion made by Rick, seconded by Marney to upgrade the current phone system at a cost of \$3636.95. Motion carried.

Mary proposed changing hours of operation to maximize staff time. Mary will present the schedule change at the October meeting.

All B&EC libraries will respond to "Ban the Books Week" with "Freedom to Read" campaign. Much attention is being given to this topic -look for news article from System Director John Spears.

Update on hiring part time security guard in conjunction with the Town security contract. Town is looking into using a new security company.

Ms. Panty gave an update on her role with the System Board and as the liaison between our Board and Central.

Completion of the Riverside Panty Library updates.

Security issues are system wide. Our primary concern is staff safety. These include problems with groups of teens and homeless people of all ages.

Rick thanked Ms. Panty for joining our meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Annette at 7:10 pm, seconded by Mark to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2023, 5:30 pm at Kenilworth Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kanaley