

Town of Tonawanda Public Library

Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

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

The meeting was held at the Kenmore branch and called to order at 5:30 pm.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Sharon and seconded by Kathy. Motion carried.

Motion made by Annette and seconded by Tom to accept the minutes of the December 12, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mark and seconded by Marney to accept the treasurer's report and approve payment of the monthly bills. Motion carried.

REPORT of the CHAIR-Rick summarized the meeting held at the Kenmore branch with Assemblyman Bill Conrad at which time the legislative process of a bill was reviewed. This relates to the upcoming State budget and proposed cuts for libraries. This includes the elimination of NOVEL NY, a system of twenty databases used by all NYS libraries.

The Friends of the Library presented a check for \$13,000 to Mary at a Saturday morning visit by board members at the Kenmore Middle School. These funds were raised during the year at book sales held at the Kenmore Middle collection site and are used throughout the year for various library programs.

REPORT of the DIRECTOR- Mary reviewed the past month's library activity which is attached.

Lucky Day program is a success, and the number of books will be expanded. This project is being piloted at the Kenmore and Orchard Park locations.

Kevin Garvey, tech volunteer, will be honored as the 2024 Parkhurst Award winner.

NEW BUSINESS- A motion was made by Annette, seconded by Marnie to approve the Meeting Room Use Policy without changes. Motion carried.

The Whistleblower Policy will be reviewed for any changes and presented at the February meeting.

It was recommended we review the Library LONG RANGE PLAN quarterly to evaluate our progress and assess any need for changes. This will begin in March 2024.

There being no further business Anette made the motion, seconded by Sharon to adjourn at 6:25. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held at the Kenmore branch on February 13, 2024, at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Kathy Kanaley

Secretary