

Town of Tonawanda Public Library

Board of Trustees Meeting

August 10, 2021

Attendees-Mary Muscarella, Richard Geer, Annette DellaPosta, Stanley Pustulka, Nicole Pauly Rejewski, Marney Klein, Kathy Kanaley

Excused- Mark Jowett

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 and was held in person at the Kenmore location.

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

Motion made by Annette, seconded by Stan to accept the minutes of the July 13, 2021, meeting with corrections. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marney, seconded by Nicole to accept the treasurer's report which included a review of bill payments and the monthly account statements. Motion carried.

Report of the Chair

-Rick and Nicole were present at the Elaine Panty Library to accept the \$30,000 Assemblyman Bill Conrad secured for use at the Town libraries (15,000 each).

Report of the Director-

Funding for the Facility Improvement Initiative requests was approved by the Central Library Board of Trustees on 7/15/21. Orders for furniture purchases have been submitted.

We received notification that our Town Community Environmental Benefit Fund Grant has made it to the second round. At a date and time

to be announced, the community will vote on projects submitted with the winner announcement expected in November of this year.

NY State Construction Grant requested additional information which Mary supplied before formal closure and payment of final 10% can take place.

Albright Knox Art Truck was at the outdoor story time on 7/14 and was enjoyed by all in attendance. Outdoor story time started on 7/12 and will continue through the end of August.

Various Tails and Tales activities were successfully held at both locations

Statistics for circulation and visitor count at both locations are slowly rising to precovid numbers. Program participation is also on the rise. In person adult and kid's programs are expected to resume in October 2021.

Kenmore Branch will add Sunday hours, 12-5, beginning 9/12 through 12/19/21. Kenmore will also increase open hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 to 9 pm starting 9/7/21.

Kenilworth parking lot needs to be resurfaced and the parking stripes in the Kenmore lot need to be repainted. Mary relayed this request to the Town.

Mary reported we were \$91,694 under budget due to staffing reductions as a result of the pandemic restrictions.

Unfinished Business-

Mary will request clarification of the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) at the next Central Directors meeting.

Mary distributed samples of long range plans for Board review as each library is expected to create a plan of their own.

There being no further business, Marney made a motion, seconded by Annette to adjourn at 6:45pm. Motion carried.

Next Meeting- Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kanaley