

Town of Tonawanda Public Library

Board of Trustees Meeting

July 13,2021

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

Excused- Mark Jowett

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 and was held in person at the Kenmore Branch.

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

Motion made by Annette, seconded by Marney to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marney, seconded by Kathy to review the bills reviewed for payment and the monthly account statements as presented. Motion carried.

REPORT of the CHAIR-

Rick explained the delay of the funds promised to the Library by Robin Schimminger. Those funds are earmarked for quiet study spaces at Kenmore Library.

Rick also reported that Assemblymen, Bill Conrad, who was the previous Town Board's library liaison has secured \$15,000 for each location. The funds for Kenmore will be for study spaces and Kenilworth will use their funds for new moveable shelving.

REPORT of the DIRECTOR-

Mary changed the reporting comparison from 2021-2020 to include 2019. This gives a better analysis of current usage due to the pandemic restrictions experienced in 2020.

Craft and Carry, Facebook Storytime and Adult book clubs continue with strong participation.

Kenmore's "Bricks to Go Lego" program is a big hit and is now offered at Kenilworth as well.

Outdoor Storytime at Kenmore held on the Kenmore Middle School grounds began on July 12 and was well attended.

Both locations anticipate in- library programs beginning in September.

Several meetings were attended last month by Library staff.

Staff must complete mandatory Kantola webinars by August 31,2021.

Kenmore Library will begin Sunday hours 12-5 in September. Kenmore will also add 1 hour to Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, closing at 9 pm which will get our total hours open to pre pandemic times.

We are awaiting notification of grant funding from the Central Facility Improvement Initiative and the Tonawanda Community Environmental Benefit Funds.

The Emergency buzzer in the new community room has been installed. We are waiting for the answer for the new room capacity in order to plan programming and respond to community use requests.

Mary distributed information on the Long-Range Plan with which Mark and Marney have offered to help.

Nicole offered the suggestion of possibly purchasing a 3D printer and recording and filmmaking equipment. The group discussed both ideas, but no definite plans were made.

NEW BUSINESS- Review of FOIL Policy. Group had many questions which Mary will bring to Jeannine Doyle at Central for review and approval postponed until next meeting.

The Resolution to approve the agreement between Buffalo and Erie County Library and Town of Tonawanda Libraries was read by Mary. Motion made by Kathy, seconded by Nicole to accept the resolution as presented. Motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Annette, seconded by Marney to adjourn at 6:50. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kanaley