

Town of Tonawanda Public Library

Board of Trustees Meeting

March 9, 2021

Attendees- Mary Muscarella, Rick Geer, Annette Della Posta, Stanley Pustulka, Marney Klein, Mark Jowett, Shannon Patch, Kathy Kanaley

Excused- Nicole Pauly Rejewski

The meeting was called to order by Rick Geer at 5:30 and was held both in person at the Kenmore Branch and via Zoom.

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

Motion made by Annette, seconded by Marney to accept the minutes of the February 9, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Kathy, seconded by Mark to approve payment of the monthly expenses and accept the financial report as presented. Motion carried.

Report of Chair- Rick gave a brief summary of the virtual State of the Town Address also attended by Mary and Kathy. The libraries were not specifically mentioned but Town Supervisor, Joe Emminger, thanked all the Town entities for cooperating with the challenges presented during the pandemic.

Rick, Mary, Marney and other library staff attended Zoom meetings with both Senator Sean Ryan's representatives and Assemblyman William Conrad on 2/26/21 which was Library Advocacy Day. Mr. Conrad was the former Town Board liaison with our libraries. Mary sent thank you notes to both.

Report of the Director-Circulation and visitor stats remain low but there has been a steady increase in programs such as Craft and Carry notably at Kenilworth.

There are plans to bring back the popular Lego Clubs soon.

Hours of operation are working well for staff and patrons. Tutoring sessions are taking place in both libraries. AARP tax preparers are meeting clients at Kenmore by appointments.

Virtual programs remain well attended.

There are no directions yet from Central for our staff to assist patrons who are looking to sign up for the Covid vaccinations.

Mary sent a thank you to the Kenmore Lions Club for their \$100 donation which will be used to buy large print books.

Friends of the Library are planning to have small book sales on site but are not yet taking donation. Donations dropped off at the libraries are taken to the Friends' location as we no longer have storage.

The final report for the NY State Construction Grant has been submitted.

We had a brief discussion about applying for an environmental grant through the Town. Mary will investigate. One idea was to create a rain garden at Kenilworth.

We also discussed the possibility of having reading benches at both locations.

Motion was made by Kathy, seconded by Marney to accept the Town Library 2020 Annual Report. Motion carried.

We will discuss a recommended long range plan in lieu of updating our current strategic plan at our April meeting.

Motion made by Annette, seconded by Mark to accept the revised Social Media Policy. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Annette, seconded by Marney to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday April 14, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kanaley