

Town of Tonawanda Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting

APPROVED

June 8, 2021

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

Excused- Nicole Pauly Rejewski

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm and was held in person at the Kenmore Branch.

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

Public Comment- A frequent patron of the Kenmore Branch expressed his opinion regarding the Gay Pride display. The display consisted of a variety of books about or by authors associated with the LGBTQ movement. His concerns were heard and appreciated. A written response will be sent by the Library Director to the patron.

Motion made by Marney, seconded by Annette to accept the minutes of the May 11, 2021 Board meeting as corrected. Motion carried.

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

REPORT OF THE Board Chair-

Rick reported speaking with the Town to have motion lights installed at Kenilworth to deter vagrants and prevent vandalism.

Rick reported that the picnic tables and benches were delivered to Kenilworth for outside programs and general patron use.

Rick said that after some discussion, we will move to have the ADA compliant bathroom project at Kenilworth begin next year.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR-

Mary reviewed circulation and patron stats. Participation at programs at both locations is increasing as are the number of tutoring sessions. Summer reading challenge to begin soon.

Summer Storytime will be held outdoors at Kenmore with morning and evening sessions.

Quarantine for returned books has ended freeing up the Community room for use.

Sunday hours to resume in September. Staffing costs will be absorbed by Central.

Various Conferences and trainings were attended by staff.

The proposal for the purchases using the Facility Improvement money from Central was reviewed. Plan includes new mobile shelving units, lounge seating and tables for Kenilworth and new seating and tables in lounge areas and new chandeliers for the preteen area and the stairwell at Kenmore.

Annette read a resolution stating that the Town Library is financially able to cover the required 10% of the total cost of the above expenditures. Marney made the motion to approve the resolution and submit the proposed spending plan. Mark seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mary provided samples for board review as we begin our work on the required Long- Range Plan.

New Business- Motion made by Mark, seconded by Kathy to accept the Library Financial Policy without revisions. Motion carried.

There being no further business Annette made the motion, seconded by Marney to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kanaley

Next meeting, July 13, 2021, at 5:30 pm at the Kenmore Branch.