

Amended Minutes March 19, 2024  
Edward U. Demmer Memorial Library  
Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Trustee Attendance: Jeff Boehm, Patty Wallesverd (virtual), Rich Mahlerwein, Dan McKissack, Dianna Blicharz (virtual), Kathleen Olkowski (virtual), and Karen Meyer (virtual)

Other Attendees: Jill Roth, April Hansen

Dan McKissack called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Agenda:**

Motion by Jeff, seconded by Karen to approve the agenda in any order the president sees fit. All ayes, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Rich, seconded by Jeff to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 20, 2024 as amended. All ayes, motion carried.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Committee Reports:**

Three Lakes Public Library Foundation: Moved meeting to April 11, 2024. No updates between meetings.

Oneida County Library Board: Has not met due to death of Tom Kelly. Not rescheduled yet.

**Director's Report:**

**Kathleen joins 4:07**

- Director's Report: Discussion. Wifi statistics discussed, numbers appear down but with the strange weather could be strong all things considered.
- Building and Maintenance Report: Discussion. Jeff would like to include a welcoming sign above the doorway to invite folks in. Jeff likes the idea of empowering people through knowledge. Logo project may assist with this. Jill will investigate to find some ideas on welcoming signs for entry.

**Budget Review:**

- Discussion. Question about security/PerMar charge: made updates and increased sensitivity. Motion by Jeff, seconded by Rich, pay bills for February/March 2024 for payment from the town account. All ayes, motion carried.
- Motion by Rich seconded by Karen to approve payment of bills from the Laona Bank Special Account. Discussion. Karen asked about Collection Development class. All ayes, motion carried.
- 2024 Budget Review: Discussion. Newspapers- trying to put a tablet in the newspaper section and subscription services delayed as service. A case will be provided and software to be locked on newspaper only sites.

**Old Business:**

**Discussion: Patty having audio issues at 4:57.**

- Continuing Library Board Self-Evaluation: See attachment

- **Public Comments (item moved up to 5:11):** Glen Stauffer: Love this community, one concern: Gender Rebels by Locke/Benjamin. Book displayed prominently and has concerns over the book's content in "Youth section". Concerns over content as it "Promotes prostitution" or sex work and that the book "promotes a transgender ideology that I and many others see as offensive, false, rationally incoherent, and harmful to individuals and to society." Recognizes different opinions on the topic. Not calling for book bans, not looking to remove the book, looking to ask for it to not be promoted. Very disappointed to see this promoted. Expresses concern from the community. *Note: Displayed in New Young Adult.*
- **Progress on Strategic Planning Committee:** Discussion: Rich motion to table until next month, Jeff seconded, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Planning for Candidate Forum:** "Fireside Chats/Meet and Greet" to be Held Wednesday March 20, 2024, 5-7pm. Discussion: School Board meeting tomorrow as well. After Dan reached out to all school board candidates, only Elisha was willing to respond but is out of town, Ella Balthus of the town board can't make it, Ed Cottingham will be there, Mike Fugle said he would attend, Mary Sowinski will have a representative. Jeff will be there as both library and town board member. Participation doesn't change the event in the end and it will proceed as usual. Rich, Dan, will attend, Sara Stieve dropped off an invoice.

#### **Jeff leaves at 5:21**

- Review the logo/marketing package MOU: Discussion: Dan is working on the logo project and will present some ideas to Jill before the next meeting.

#### **New Business:**

- Storybook Gardens funding request for reading incentive prizes: Motion by Patty, seconded by Rich, Approve the Storybook Garden plans to go to the Library Foundation for approval with the last two points on library staff responsibilities to be resolved by the staff. Discussion. All ayes (absent Jeff), motion carried.

**Future items:** Add policies B and C to the April Agenda; review the collection policy to discuss public comments. Add new business discussion on a president.

**Next Meeting:** Regular meeting on April 16, 2024, 4:00 pm in the lower level of the library and/or via video/teleconference

**Motion to adjourn by Karen, seconded by Kathleen. All ayes (absent Jeff), motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Jill Roth, Director