

## Elma Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

May 8, 2018

**Present:** David Engberg, Ellen McGreevy, Eileen Holden, Terry Booth, Jay Ricketts, Tom Carloni and special guest Ann Laubacker

**Excused:** Kim Dixon and Sue Czech

**Minutes:** The minutes from the April meeting were reviewed.

**Librarian's Report:** Tom reported that visitor numbers are slightly up and computer use aligned with attendance. The Iroquois Central Art Show was very well attended. Kate did a great deal of outreach this past month at Iroquois and at the Boys and Girls Club. NYS assemblyman DiPietro presented the library with a Community Spirit award for outstanding service which Tom accepted.

**Treasurer's Report** – Ellen stated that she would like to change the format for the report as she feels it does not give a clear picture of our finances. She is going to work on that before the next meeting.

### **SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ACT** - The May meeting was cancelled.

**FOTEL** – Ann Laubacker attended a workshop led by Ken Stone for Friends' groups. Communicating and coordinating with the Board are very important, so she came to a board meeting to communicate. She is at a loss as to what to do to try and raise some enthusiasm among our friends. She feels that libraries are much better funded than they used to be so there is no real interest in raising funds. They will continue to meet but will have only a few meetings a year. Tom stated that he would not like to see the group disband.

**Building and Grounds** – The town has replaced the missing flashing. Larry and Tom were able to find the valve to turn on the outdoor spigots, but the spigot in front of the building is leaking. The building inspector looked at it and has to find a way to reach the pipes in order to repair it. Eileen contacted Northridge about a midsummer cleanup and was told Northridge no longer has the contract for the town landscaping. The contract was awarded to EMW Landscaping and they would need to be contacted about a midsummer cleanup.

**Publicity** – The new hours were posted in the Elma Review which has been giving us great coverage. The East Aurora Bee has also posted something each week.

**Policy** – Forester Financial stopped by to inquire about doing a workshop. Tom had to tell them no. A group called Prayer for the Community has asked to use the meeting room starting in September once or twice a month. They are a non-denominational group and would not be conducting a religious service. They have been given permission to use the room.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Sign** – The sign proposal was rejected by the town and Dave received a letter stating that because the town owns the library and the property it is on we should not have filed a petition for a digital sign. We have 12 months to submit a new proposal but the town needs to come to consensus on what the sign policy is going to be before we can resubmit a proposal. Tom was wondering about displaying artwork sculptures on the library lawn which we feel is an excellent idea if the town will allow it.

**Three Year Plan** – was tabled until the June meeting.

**Agenda and Prep for Memorial Day** – We are to meet on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 AM to participate in the parade. Eileen has purchased candy and will be buying more to toss out to the bystanders.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Library of Things** – Tom suggested that we create some collections of items that can be taken out of the library for a week at a time. He felt that yard games such as Corn hole or Ladder toss would be a good way to start with summer approaching. A great idea.

**Grant from Patrick Gallivan** – We will once again be receiving \$2500 to be used for purchases related to technology. Tom said we need to brainstorm some ideas. The library does need a new laptop which would be one expense. Ellen suggested a Clear Touch screen. Jay would still like to see a 70” TV. A 3-D printer was another idea.

Dave and Jay both presented us with some sad news. Dave is moving to Hamburg the end of June and Jay is moving to Cleveland in October. Jay will be at Chautauqua for July through September. These men will be missed greatly and we wish to thank them for their many years of service to the Elma Public Library.

Jay made a motion to approve all reports, seconded by Eileen, passed 5-0. Eileen moved to adjourn, seconded by Jay and passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by,

Terry Booth