

AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY
550 Main Street, East Aurora, New York 14052

February 25, 2025 Minutes

Present: Martha Buyer, Kara Spencer-Ching, Elaine Chow (arrived at 6:04 p.m.) Sashi Racho (left meeting at 6:20 p.m.), Adam Zaremski, Paula Ausberger, ATPL Director

President Spencer-Ching called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. There were no comments from the audience.

2. A motion (MB, SR) to approve the Minutes of the Meeting: January 28, 2025 was carried by a voice vote.

3. A motion (AZ, MB) to approve the Treasurer's Report: Monthly Financial Statements, Internal Auditor, & Contingency Fund Reports: January 2025 was carried by a voice vote.

At this time, 6:04 p.m., Chow arrived at the meeting.

4. A motion (EC, AZ) to approve the Director's Report: January 2025 was carried by a voice vote.

5. Reports of Interest

a. The non-financial section of the 2024 State Report and the Report to the Community have been completed.

b. The Kantola platform for the library's annual harassment and workplace violence is transitioning to Percipio Skillsoft, the same system Erie County uses for compliance and other staff development.

c. ATPL wants to hear the thoughts of our adult patrons, ages 50+, to help us plan future programs and collection offerings. The survey will be open from Monday, February 24, to Friday, April 4, 2025.

d. Other

6. Personnel

a. There was no payroll report. Ausberger said the library recently received the documents from Central and would provide the information to the board at its March meeting.

b. A motion (MB, AZ) to appoint Alissa Steele as a PT Librarian I, as selected and hired by the Director, starting Pay Period 6, was carried by a voice vote. Steele will start on Feb. 26.

c. There was no reason for the board to enter into an executive session.

d. Other

7. Old Business

a. Related to the donation of artwork called "Dusk at a French Farm" – 1898 by Alexis Jean Fournier as a loan from the Aurora Historical Society, Ausberger said the historical society was waiting for better weather to move the painting. There is also a need to update the contract between the society and the library.

In a related matter, Ausberger said she contacted local art curator Grace Meibohm to inquire about hosting a tour in the library to highlight the paintings. The talks are ongoing.

8. New Business

a. 2025 Budget

Racho noted that the totals in the part-time subtotal were incorrect. Ausberger said the numbers come from Central, and she would let them know. There is no further board action required for this matter.

At this time, 6:20 p.m., Racho left the meeting.

b. ACT Workshop: March 22 @ 8:30 a.m. Buyer provided an update of what to expect. The meeting will be at Central.

c. “Strawberry Social”– 2020 Oil on Linen Painting, 12” x 18”, Paul Brinkworth donation
Ausberger said she was talking to the town about this donation. There were some concerns related to insurance policies that the town had to look over.

d. Other

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on March 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

A motion (MB, EC) to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. was carried by a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Adam Zaremski
Secretary