

Elbridge Free Library
241 East Main Street
Elbridge, New York 13060
July 24, 2024

The Quarterly Business Meeting of the Elbridge Free Library was called to order on July 23, 2024 at 5:00 PM. The following members were present: Casey Westby, Cynthia Zainchowski, Julie Clark, Kathy Wood, Kathy Long, Kathy Norman, Camille DiSanza, and Benga Quick. Peggy Bennink was absent.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the April 10, 2024 Business Meeting were read and approved. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Kathy Wood and seconded by Cynthia Zainchowski. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Director's Report

Casey Westby reported that in this quarter the library had 5,630 check outs, and 935 holds. \$761 was waived in fines as fines for overdue books has been done away with. Only lost item fees are not waived. Hoopla costs were \$775.51 for this quarter. Casey is providing assistance for those needing help with library apps. The Library will be represented at the Elbridge Elementary Welcome Back Meeting for parents. A shredding event was held at the library but was not well attended. For all the events the Library provided, see the Elbridge Free Library Newsletter. It is an impressive list with many thanks to Casey Westby and the staff!

Treasurer's Report

Julie Clark explained the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Statement. The Library continues to remain in a fiscally favorable position. Kathy Norman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as explained and Kathy Wood seconded the motion. A unanimous vote was taken and recorded.

Old Business

The Annual Library Report was read and approved unanimously by the board. AED training was attended by all members of the Library staff. The Library received a grant of \$500.00 from the Central NY Library Resource Council.

New Business

Research is being conducted in the quest to expand the Library. A construction grant from OCPL would provide 80% of our cost. The office of State Assemblyman John Lemondes has offered the Library \$20,000 towards our construction costs. It was decided that we need to meet with an architect to discuss ideas for this project.

The staff has a plan to construct raised beds on the East side of the Library. This is the area the staff uses for the children's activities during the summer.

The Annual Garage Sale, held on July 13, 2024, netted the Library \$305 in the sale of permits.

The Summer Reading program is in progress and will be completed at the end of August. Over 70 children are enrolled in the program and they have read a total of 21,308 minutes so far.

The Adventure Backpack Program was very popular with the children. Backpacks were bought and stocked with all the necessary equipment for different activities. They were birdwatching, bug discovery, stargazing and flower pressing.

The Reading Buddies initiative was discussed. This involves older kids reading to younger kids. Julie Clark suggested that this could be an IB project for the 8th graders. We need to contact Drew Deapo and suggest instituting Reading Buddies as an option for a project 8th graders could choose.

Future meeting dates are:

October 16, 2024 at 5 PM

January 16, 2025 at 5 PM

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cynthia Zainchowski and seconded by Kathy Wood. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Norman