

Elbridge Free Library  
241 East Main Street  
Elbridge, New York 13060  
April 22, 2021

The Quarterly Business Meeting of the Elbridge Free Library was called to order on April 22, 2021 at 5:00 PM. The following members were present: Deborah Walrath, Bette Tucker, Kathy Long, Camille DiSanza, Casey Westby, Peggy Bennink, Kathy Norman and Lindsay Preston. Cynthia Zainchowski, Joan Quigley and Julie Clark were absent.

Kathy Long, on behalf of the Board, made an announcement acknowledging the staff for their commitment and arduous work at the library during the pandemic. The new look inside and out is fantastic. Thank-you.

#### Secretary's Report

The minutes of the January 21, 2021 Reorganizational Meeting were read and approved with one spelling correction to Lindsay Preston's name. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Casey Westby and seconded by Peggy Bennink. The board unanimously approved the motion.

#### Director's Report

Camille DiSanza reported that we will be working on finding someone to make Karen White's plaque for the dedication of the new circulation desk. A \$100.00 gift card for Bob Chestnut and a \$50.00 dollar gift card for Colleen Sheridan were purchased to thank them for their voluntary work on behalf of the Library.

The new copier and fax machine is here and installed. Patrons may use it and the fee will be \$.20 for black and white and \$.50 for color copies.

The Library has new hours. They are:

Monday 10-6  
Tuesday 10-7  
Wednesday 10-6  
Thursday 10-7  
Friday 10-2  
Saturday 10-2

Story Hour is back now that the pandemic is under control. It is being held every Wednesday at 10:30. Lindsay Preston and Deb Walrath are hosting the program.

The knitting group is back as well.

Joan Quigley is delivering books to little children in the area.

The staff has continued to buy books for circulation.

The water fountain ducts need cleaning and the lighting needs improvement. There may be a construction grant coming up. Matt Brehaut was consulted and he said that with new lighting, the library could save 60% on the electric bill.

The Wish List has been created. It includes:

Children's Shelf

Magazine Rack

Television near the circulation desk for library announcements ( This was already completed. Casey Westby donated a TV and the wall mount.)0

Camille DiSanza is drawing up policies that the library needs.

The Village of Elbridge has been asked to clean out the garden on the west side of the building. Poison Ivy has overtaken the area.

Circulation Statistics:

3116 items have been checked out

299 borrowers

868 holds placed

Fines have been waived

A motion was made by Kathy Long to approve the waiver of all late fees for adults and children.

Casey Westby seconded it and all voted to approve.

Treasurer's Report

As our treasurer was absent, Julie Clark did not give a report.

Program Report

Bette Tucker has been busy with the following programs:

Egg decorating contest

Jelly Bean contest

Dr. Seuss Program with Bingo Cards to fill up for a prize from the Treasure Chest

Lindsay has arranged with Carrie Empey to have two sessions of Yoga for Kids. The dates are July 14 and August 11. Yoga will be at the Seymour Loft Park at 10:30-11:15. This is a program for children 3 years old and up. Rain dates may have to be arranged.

A Concert in the Park has been scheduled for August 13. Maria Hare's Community Band will play. The problem of providing chairs for 200 people must be solved. As a means of raising money for our programs, we will sell snacks at this event.

The kick off for the Summer Program will be held June 30, 2021. Jacqui McCarthy has agreed to provide us with music, ice cream sundaes will be served, Mark Harder will draw caricatures of guests and children's activities will be available.

## New Business

The installation of a Storybook Walk was discussed. No conclusion was reached. The Fairy Garden in the front of the Library will be constructed by Bette Tucker and the children. Lindsay is considering adding a rain barrel to the premises that would allow easier watering of the front garden. Bushes that don't require much water could then be added.

Our substitute library position has been filled by Deb Walrath.

The Garage Sale fundraiser has been cancelled.

As of April 27, 2021, books no longer have to be quarantined before returning them to the shelves.

A plaque for the dedication of the new circulation desk to Karen White will be obtained.

A motion to adjourn was made by Peggy Bennink and seconded by Casey Westby. The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Norman