

Elbridge Free Library
241 East Main Street
Elbridge, New York 13060
January 24, 2019

The Annual Reorganizational Meeting of the Elbridge Free Library was called to order on January 24, 2019 at 5:00 PM. The following members and guests were present: Kathy Long, Kathy Norman, Cynthia Zainchowski, Karen White, Peggy Bennink, Casey Westby, Julie Clark, Bette Ann Tucker, Camille DeSanza, Lindsay Preston, Vern Richardson, Joan Quigley, Ken Bush, Ken Bush Jr., James Froio, RJ Hartwell, and Linda Byrnes.

The minutes of the October 26, 2018 meeting were read and approved. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Peggy Bennink and seconded by Cynthia Zainchowski.

Treasurer's Report

Julie Clark read and explained the Balance Sheet. We compared the 2018 balance to the 2017 balance. She suggested we slide some money into the MML Savings Account. Julie then went over the Profit and Loss Statement and explained each item. A motion was made by Kathy Norman to accept the report as read and seconded by Casey Westby.

Director's Report

Karen White presented the Annual Report for 2018 and compared the statistics to 2017. Although circulation was down by 400, borrowers were up by 394. Holds placed and filled continue to rise. Culling of books and additions to our collection were stated. A breakdown of the genre in our library was presented. Julie Clark made a motion to accept the report and Cynthia Zainchowski seconded it.

Program Report

Bette Tucker presented her report on the many programs she has completed and the ones she has arranged for in the future. Please see the attached report for the specifics. The Board discussed the need to pay Camille and Bette for the outreach work they do in regards to programming. We agreed that they could indeed do this and should submit their hours.

Camille DeSanza is going to go to the Senior Center in Jordan to inquire about possible programs they would be interested in.

Casey Westby suggested a program called "Cut the Chord", which would teach patrons how to access television programming without subscribing to Spectrum. One class will be offered and if it goes well, we could offer it again.

Old Business

The School Supply Project went well. RJ Hartwell suggested we add earbuds to our list of supplies to buy. They are essential and not just a fringe in today's classrooms. Mr. Froio and Mr. Hartwell said they can be bought through Amazon or Walmart.

The Principals also told us that Walmart is great to our district and that they provide many prizes for the Soar Store. RJ gave us some examples of ticket redemption:

50 tickets = lunch with the Principal
5 tickets = trinket

Raffles: enter as many tickets as you want.
Certain number of tickets=acting librarian for an hour

We need to get the tickets from Elbridge Elementary.

The Christmas distribution was carried out and went well. Joan Scott gave us the gender and age of children from two families for which we shopped.

The Annual Garage Sale date has not been confirmed. We need to decide on this at the April meeting.

New Business

Casey Westby has been promoting a book delivery service. She went to the Senior Center, addressed it with JET, and has advertised it on line. So far no one has been interested. Ideas for promotion were given. The JE Newsletter could run the idea in the Community Corner, Meals on Wheels and local Doctors' Offices could promote it.

Election of Officers was conducted.

President.....Kathy Long
Secretary.....Kathy Norman
Treasurer.....Julie Clark

Election of Board Members
Cynthia Zainchowski renewed

We then discussed voting on the budget but decided to delay it until Julie Clark talks to Roxanne at the District Office or contacts OCPL. The delay is because of insufficient information on how to exceed the 2% budget cap mandated by the State of New York.

Cleaning of the Library

Chris DeCola, the Mayor, and Anthony DeMarco, village board member, have been informed of the problem.

The dates for the Quarterly Meetings of the Board of Trustees were set. They are:

Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 5:00 PM
Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 5:00 PM
Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 5:00 PM
Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 5:00PM

Notes from guests:

Ken Bush presented the Dolly Parton Reading Program and encouraged us to promote it. As a County Legislature, he said our children are entitled to participate and not many of them are. We need to make sure we have the forms for families to fill out.

Mr. Froio informed us of the OCC Advantage Program. Under this program, our high school graduates can attend OCC tuition free. There is also the Early College High School Program. This was started two years ago at JE High School. Under this program students spend 1/2 day at JE, and 1/2 day at OCC. By participating, it is possible to graduate from high school and OCC at the same time.

A motion to adjourn was made by Peggy Bennink and seconded by Julie Clark.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Norman, Secretary