

Elbridge Free Library
241 East Main Street
Elbridge, New York 13060
April 27, 2022

The Quarterly Business Meeting of the Elbridge Free Library was called to order on April 27, 2022 at 5:00 PM. The following members were present: Casey Westby, Bette Tucker, Kathy Wood, Cynthia Zainchowski, Deb Walrath, Kathy Long, Camille DiSanza, Julie Clark and Kathy Norman. Lindsay Preston, Joan Quigley, and Peggy Bennink were absent.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the January 20, 2022 Reorganizational Meeting were read. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Cynthia Zainchowski and seconded by Kathy Wood. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Director's Report

The first quarter of 2022 has seen a significant increase in patronage visits. The lifting of the mask mandate is considered to be a factor. There has been an increase of 371 items checked out of the library compared to the previous quarter. The Library continues to offer many programs. The website newsletter has increased patron's ability to access the availability of programs. There are plans for future programs in the works. These include Kids in Motion, Yoga in the Park, the History and Genealogy Club, and the Annual Garage Sale Day accompanied by a BBQ Food Truck. The first Quarter shows we are moving out of the pandemic in a positive direction.

Camille DiSanza informed the Board that she will be retiring as of July 1, 2022. She will be available to help in any way we need.

Program Report

Bette Tucker has been working on the Summer Reading Program. Wednesday, June 29, 2022 will be the kick off accompanied by cupcakes and cookies. This 7 week program will be in person this year. Registration is online.

In person Story Hour with Lindsay Preston and Deb Walrath will continue as well as advanced adventures with Ms Benga who will be reading chapter books to those children 8 and older. There will be STEAM projects, in-house ocean themed crafts, craft bag stamping, Teen Tuesdays, Zoo to You, Pirate Day in the Park and Yoga in the Park.

A volunteer program for older children is being considered. Volunteers could choose between several options as to the type of activity they would like to do.

A Book Mark Contest is under way for the Elementary age students. They are being asked to create a bookmark for the Library's 100th birthday. The winners will be chosen at the end of the month and the bookmarks will be given out at the Birthday Party on June 29, 2022.

It has been decided that The Story Walk will be installed at Seymour Loft Park this summer.

The Home Alone Course will be offered to 7 to 12 year olds. Registration will be necessary. The cost to the patron will be \$10.00 and the rest will be subsidized by the Library.

A Babysitting Course will also be offered. This is a whole day of instruction, and costs \$25.00 per child. A minimum of 8 students is required.

The Genealogy Club for adults is meeting on the first Tuesday of the month . One meeting has occurred so far and was well attended.

A walking tour of Elbridge using Jack Horner's book is being considered.

A Lego Club will begin in September and meet once a month. Anyone with extra Legos is encouraged to donate them to the Library.

A pool pass to the Jordan Pool is being considered and could be checked out for 3 days.

Treasurer's Report

Julie Clark presented and explained the profit and loss statement and then compared the balance sheets from March, 2021 to March, 2022. The Balance Sheet shows that the Library's operation remains favorable to and in compliance with the budget. A motion to accept the report was made by Kathy Wood, seconded by Cynthia Zainchowski and approved unanimously.

New Business

Annual Garage Sale will be held on July 9, 2022 beginning at 11:00 AM. Big Awesome BBQ Food Truck from Weedsport, NY will be at EFL. As a fundraiser, a small shelf of new books will be for sale.

New lighting has been installed throughout the Library. The installers used the conference table as their workbench and thus the tabletop was ruined. Fred Weisskoph is having it refinished and the Village of Elbridge will cover the \$700.00 cost.

The painting of the exterior of the Library was discussed. We have an estimate from Bob Chestnut but need one or two more estimates before a decision can be legally made.

The viability of a storage shed is being investigated. The Village of Elbridge will not pay for it. If the Library buys one, the upkeep would be ours. A 9x12 is estimated to cost \$2500.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kathy Norman and seconded by Kathy Long. The motion was approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Norman

