

Elbridge Free Library
241 East Main Street
Elbridge, New York 13060
July 29, 2021

The Quarterly Business Meeting of the Elbridge Free Library was called to order on July 29, 2021 at 5:00 PM. The following members and guests were present: Kathy Norman, Kathy Long, Julie Clark, Peggy Bennink, Camille DiSanza, Amanda Schiavulli, Lindsay Preston, Cynthia Zainchowski, and Deb Walrath. Casey Westby was absent.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the April 22, 2021 Business Meeting were read and approved. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Peggy Bennink and seconded by Kathy Long. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Director's Report

Camille stated that the total circulation for the quarter was 4,011 which was an increase of 1000 items.

Story hour has been changed. It is now on Wednesdays for 30 minutes and the children go home with a craft to complete.

Wonderbooks were purchased and \$250.00 from the Community Council will provide for a shelving unit for the Children's Room to be installed.

Classes being offered include: knitting, quilting, crocheting and card making.

Program Report

The Summer Reading Program started in July. Eighty-five children registered on Read Square. This on line program enables kids to keep track of the books they have read. The children get points for books read and activities attended. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the program.

The Fairy Garden has attracted many helpers and the children are enjoying it's creation.

The Storybook Walk has been tabled until fall. A meeting with Brooke Bastion, the principal at Elbridge Elementary, is planned as we agree the location of the walk should be on the school property. Deb Walrath is the point person for this project.

An adult reading project is being considered for the fall.

Our substitute library position has been filled by Deb Walrath. As our patronage has increased, Deb is definitely needed.

The annual garage sale has been cancelled for the 2021 year. Discussion about offering this fundraiser next July 9, 2022 ensued. The preparation of the doughnuts is the problem since it

creates so much grease which then remains on the walls and floors. Ideas about preparing the doughnuts in another location were suggested. Owen's Orchard perhaps? As Owen's isn't open in the spring, the sale would then have to be moved to the fall which might trample on the Jordan Fall Festival Doughnut fundraiser.

The Little Free Library at the Seymour Lofft Park has been repaired. Plexiglass was used to replace the broken glass and the latch has been fixed. Thanks to Dave Hiltbrand.

Treasurer's Report

Julie Clark went over the Balance Sheet and compared it to the June, 2020 report. The Profit and Loss Statement shows that our library's operations remain favorable and in line with our budget. Kathy Long made a motion to accept the report as read and Cynthia Zainchowski seconded it. All members voted to approve the report.

New Business

The Memorial for Karen White was discussed. It will be held Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Cookies, coffee and ice tea will be served. A presentation of the memorial desk and the plaque along with the sharing of memories is planned.

A concert in the Seymour Lofft Park is scheduled for August 13, 2021 at 6:00 to 7:30 PM. The Community Band will entertain and the Library will sell snacks.

A glass covered bulletin board was suggested to replace all the notices attached to the outside door.

Jacki Prichard, an Elbridge Elementary teacher would like a virtual visit to the library for her class.

Future Plans

Kinney's Drugs is planning a Flu Shot Clinic at the Library.

The Pumpkin Walk is planned for Saturday, October 23, 2021.

Santa's visit will be outdoors again and take place on December 4, 2021.

Future meetings:

October 21, 2021 at 5:00 PM

January 20, 2022 at 5:00 PM

Presentation by Amanda Schiavulli

Amanda is our liaison from the OCPL. This presentation for the Trustees provided us with information we can use to get funding from Onondaga County and New York State for construction. The deadline for this year is September 1, 2021. The money wouldn't be available until 2022. The grant's minimum amount is \$2,500. We discussed applying for something small such as a Book Return Box for this year as there is not enough time to complete all the required steps for a large project.

As all trustees need at least 2 hours of training a year, this presentation fulfilled one hour of that training.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cynthia Zainchowski and seconded by Peggy Bennink. The motion was agreed to unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Norman, Secretary