

Minerva Free Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes: October 3, 2023
“Libraries Change Lives”

Present Board Members: Beth Armes, Darlene Barney, Carol Chase, Krista Rehbergen, Judy Warren, Dianne Courtney-Freeman
Director: Cindy Sears

Secretary’s Report: President Beth Armes called the meeting to order @ 6:00 PM. Attendance was taken, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the September Board Meeting were approved. A motion was made by Darlene and Seconded by Krista to approve the minutes. All: Aye.

Director’s Report: Cindy Sears

The director’s report was reviewed by the board before the meeting and no questions of concern needed to be addressed.

| * Treasurer’s Report-Darlene | Beginning | Ending |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Checking and Savings Balance | \$49,831.74 | \$98,754.14 |
| Endowment Balance | \$112,819.74 | |
| Fundraising | \$10 | |
| Gifts: Community Band and Private | \$260.00 | |
| Grant Balance: Wake Family Foundation | \$50,000 | |

Cindy, Darlene, Elizabeth will continue to work on the budget.

Ralph Wilson Grant will pay for some of the operating costs if we should happen to receive any monies from this.

Book Clubs: Judy

The Teen Book Club will meet on Tuesday, October 12th after school until 4:00. The books A Boy Called Bat (5th-8th) and The Saturday Night Ghost Club (9th-12th) will be distributed to participants.

The Adult Community Book Club will meet on Tuesday, October 17th and will discuss Killers of the Flower Moon and The Southern Book Clubs Guide to Vampire Slaying

The SCS Book Club will meet on the third Thursday, October 19th, to discuss The Personal Librarian

Buildings and Grounds Report: Beth for Elizabeth

*The signage is still being researched to replace the old sign that was taken down on the front lawn. We talked about the fact that Brick City still has \$1,000 toward the work of the sign. Discussion was held about back lighting on the sign as well.

*The Sheldon Foundation Grant will need to be submitted by Elizabeth before December 1st. She continues to work on this.

*The carpet on two floors of the library has become a safety issue, Jared at the school will be contacted to find out how they replaced their carpeting with industrial grade flooring.

Fundraising: Upcoming events

- * Judy will head up a committee to work on a fundraiser event for spring with the hopes that this can be helpful with our sustainable funding. We will have a committee look into this adventure with the thought of it becoming an annual event. Beth, Elizabeth, Dianne, and Cindy will be members of the committee. A meeting date will be sent out shortly.
- * Cindy contacted two libraries and a time will be set up to meet with these representatives.
- * Storywalk...Saturday, October 28th 10:00-Noon
- * Molly Brown October 19th 6:00 about Bats
- * Erie Canal Traveling Museum Oct 16th and Oct 23rd 10AM

Sustainability Funding Committee:

*Will meet on Tuesday, October 10th @ 6:00

A Motion was made to go into Executive Session @ 6:42 by Darlene and 2nd by Carol.

A motion was made by Dianne and 2nd by Darlene to leave Executive Session @6:54.

*After a phone call from Harold Wake and George Wake, Judy found out that they awarded the library a \$50,000 grant in response to her letter. Judy brought up a motion to name the History Room upstairs in Honor of Harold and Wanda Wake and the Wake Family Foundation. It was 2nd by Carol...all Aye.

*A discussion was had about the possibility of the library being a place for the 5&2 Ministry to house their shipments and be a distribution center, however, we don't feel we have the room for this. Judy will made the Ministry group award of this decision.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 7th 2023.

Adjournment: The motion to adjourn was made by Krista and seconded by Carol @ 7:13

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Warren