

**AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
September 22, 2015, 3:30 pm

Present: Deborah Carr-Hoagland, Al Fontanese, Alice Askew, Carol Griffis, George Oliver, Director Rob Alessi

1. Comments from the audience - none
2. Minutes of the meeting, June 23, 2015 approved as submitted. (AF, AA)
3. Treasurer's Reports & Monthly Financial Statements for June, July and August 2015 were approved as submitted. (CG, AA)
4. Director's Reports for June, July and August were approved as submitted. (AF, AA) September attendance is expected to pick up by end of month as new programs start up. Adult programs resume earlier.
5. Reports of Interest
  - A. Eight new electrical outlets were installed near the fireplace on August 10. Patrons often make use of them throughout the day.
  - B. New *eLibrary Card*- B&ECPL now has an on-line application for adults for an *eLibrary Card*. With this type of card a patron may use all on-line library services but may not borrow any physical materials without coming in to get a regular adult card.
  - C. The next generation of SirsiDynix Integrated Library System will be installed.
  - D. The *East Aurora Bee* published a very complimentary article by the editor, Kaitlin Lindahl, in the August 6<sup>th</sup> issue.
  - E. The *Friends* held a post-book sale meeting on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Rhoda Zucker reported that profits were over \$9,000 and are expected to exceed \$10,000 before the end of the year.
  - F. County Legislator Joseph Lorigo invited the contracting Library Directors in his district to meet with him on September 11 for coffee at *Taste*. The directors of Elma, Marilla, West Seneca and East Aurora, plus a trustee from WSE and Alice from EAU; Mr. Lorigo and a staff member attended. Among other issues, he discussed the concept of a Special Library District and B&ECPL budgeting.
  - G. The Aurora Women's Club sponsored a jazz concert at the Aurora Theater on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. People who attended thought it was marvelous fun. ATPL will be given a share of the profit.
  - H. The parking lot was resurfaced and lines repainted in July.
  - I. Valves on some of the monitoring wells, which are under the parking lot, needed to be repaired. The contractor arrived without first notifying the Library or the Town, but all has been straightened out.
  - J. The *Friends* semi-annual meeting will be on Thursday, October 15 at 10 am. They are becoming desperate for a new president. Myrna MacNaboe would like to retire.
  - K. *ACT* will be meeting on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 at the Anna Reinstein Memorial Library in Cheektowaga.
6. Personnel
  - A. One page has resigned in order to go to school.
  - B. Julia Gelsomino is welcoming a new page this evening, Gabriel Montone, to start work in October.
  - C. A wedding: Sarah Slade in now Sarah Chittenden. Congratulations!

## 7. Old Business

A. In a meeting with Town Supervisor Jim Bach and trustee Chuck Snyder last Friday Rob learned that the Town is finally looking to replace the bathroom floors. Earlier estimates were done three years ago therefore revised proposals are needed for Town Board action. They also discussed replacing the windows. A NYS Construction Grant requires sharing the cost 50/50. Testing for asbestos has been advised, and a grant would cover remediation costs. Regarding the fireplace: Rob laid out the options we've talked about. They agreed that electric is unattractive but there will be no financial support from the Town. A gas insert would be preferable in the opinion of the Town.

B. Rob will tell the *Friends* about the cost of children's furniture (about \$4,000) and the fireplace (over \$4,000). He will get further estimates in order to make a more detailed presentation.

C. The Book-Drop last Saturday was very busy. Now, Rob and Julia are reviewing the nicer books to see if they can be better used on our shelves than at the next book sale.

## 8. New Business

A. B&ECPL has not held a system-wide Staff Development Day in several years. Most likely to be planned for a Wednesday in Spring, a *motion* (AA, AF) to close for that day so that all available staff may attend passed unanimously.

B. Senator Gallivan Technology Funding Aid of \$1500. Rob's wish list includes items recommended by CEN that are also in the Maker Space downtown. Al and George tried them out at the March ACT meeting and enjoyed experimenting with them. Several of these units use equipment (tablets) that we already have. A **motion** (AF, AA) to use to the Gallivan funds for these devices was approved. We have also had a patron request for a 3-D printer!

D. The draft of Investment Policy was reviewed. George recommends that the maximum amount for deposit at M&T be made \$250,000 because that is the amount allowed for FDIC insurance. A **motion** (AA, GO) was made and carried to make that change and to approve the Investment Policy.

E. Children's area furniture: Rob and Julia have selected new furniture for the children's area: two armless love seats, three bench/book storage units, one Sit & Play Snake and six circular soft seats (8"h, 14" diameter). All have antimicrobial and stain-resistant surfaces. A **motion** was made (AA, CG) and passed unanimously to purchase the furniture, making use of funds from memorials, the *Best Sellers* fund raiser, a gift from the Aurora Women's Club, and additional local funds. *Friends* will be asked if they can also make a contribution toward the purchase. Rob will try to obtain final cost estimates before their meeting in October.

F. The secretary of the Erie County Libertarian Party had submitted a request for use of meeting room for all of one day for an educational program. Since this is sponsored by a political party, policy does not permit this kind of event between Primary Day and Election Day. Therefore he chose November 21, a Saturday. He wants to ask patrons to answer a questionnaire and to hand out copies of the US Constitution. We will allow him to have 2 hours on that day to keep the room available for library users for a portion of the day.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Carol Griffis, secretary