

Aurora Free Library Board of Trustees Minutes
January 17, 2019

Present: Julie Schneider, Rufus Bates, Steve Moolin, Brian Brown, Debbie Holke, Sandy Groth, Ed Easter, Barb Blom

Excused: Jim Burkett, Ellen Wikstrom

Guest: Thea Miller

Call to Order at 5::32

Consent Agenda – approved

Conflict of Interest – none

Treasurer's Report – Report accepted. Discussion postponed until the budget discussion later in the meeting.

Director's Report – Report accepted. Steve noted that \$10,000 grant from Senator Helming came in. Sandy and Barb will report on it at the February meeting

Fundraising Committee – Nothing to report

Preservation Committee – Report accepted. Steve and Brian have been busy on east wall water infiltration, they will be going to the village Planning Board meeting January 23 for an excavation permit. Looking at library construction aid for future projects..

Morgan Opera House – See Ellen's report. Performance schedule still in flux.

Old Business – 2019 Operating Budget

Steve noted that he looked into salaries+benefits per item that goes out the door for similar size libraries in FLLS and found we are lower than that average. We also provide 2 ½ times the programs compared to those same libraries. 2018 budget balance will go into savings account as a Contribution to Reserve to help with late winter expenses when cash flow is lower and to bolster Fundraising Expenses.

Steve made the motion to approve the 2019 Operating Budget at \$116,989 including a tax levy of \$66,150 which is a \$6,000 increase compared to 2018. Brian seconded, approved unanimously.

New Business – Annual Meeting/Open House & Community Dinner

Open House format with a Community/Summer theme for young people and adults.

- February 28th - 5:45 Board meeting - 6pm Annual meeting followed by Open House with activities.
- Julie, Steve, Sandy and Barb will plan open house.

February 5th is the Community Dinner for Morgan Opera House.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05