

Aurora Free Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes August 15, 2019

Present: Jim Burkett, Thea Miller, Steve Moolin, Julie Schneider, and Ellen Baker-Wikstrom, and Sandy Groth.

Excused: Rufus Bates, Barb Blom, and Debbie Hoke

Call to Order at 5:35 pm

No conflicts of interest reported.

Consent Agenda – Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Believe that accrual accounting will be helpful coupled with a monthly cash flow statement but recommend this wait until next Treasurer term.

Director's Report – More frequent patron computer use noted. Circulation down in June compared to 2018. Seeing more use of e-audiobooks compared to e-books.

Committee Reports –

- Library Construction Aid - Morgan Opera House controls being worked on. Presented current status of payments to contractors. NYS confirmed 75% aid or \$17,700.
- Morgan Opera House some performances will be rescheduled. Current plan is first or second Saturday in December performance by Cornell Jazz Ensemble.

Board Vision for 2020 – 2025

- General definition – a Library is a source for information that you can use to improve your life. A Library can act this way whether we are in the building or out through sponsored events.
- Digital literacy is important, especially for older population, and lack of internet access in the area presents additional problems. Another area of digital literacy is judging value of websites and other digital sources. Is this valid? Can I believe what I'm reading?
- Is Hazard Library is experiencing the same issues the we are and where are they focusing their efforts? Arrange a joint board meeting with Hazard and possibly Union Springs to discuss shared concerns and options for further collaboration.
- Other opportunities to be considered:
 - Host information meetings concerning Medicaid/Medicare, 2020 Census, etc.
 - Use foyer as a place to sit, use laptops, have informal discussion.
 - Provide pick-up location for library materials when the library is closed.

Adjournment - 6:35 pm Steve made motion. Julie seconded. Approved unanimously.