

Aurora Free Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes"
May 16, 2019

Present: Barb Blom, Jim Burkett, Debbie Hoke, Thea Miller, Steve Moolin, Julie Schneider, Ellen Baker-Wikstrom, and Sandy Groth
Absent: Rufus Bates
Guest: Ed Easter

Call to Order at 5:25 pm

No conflicts of interest reported.

Consent Agenda – Approved unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report – Review of Sally Ride funds shared by 6 libraries.

Director’s Report – Focus on recent hire of Ed Easter as Library Assistant.

BRIAN BROWN APPRECIATION RESOLUTION

Resolved this day by the Aurora Free Library Board of Trustees that our thanks and gratitude be given to Brian Brown for his 6 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Aurora Free Library as a Trustee and as an active member and chair of the Preservation Committee. Brian’s calm resolve, creativity, and unfailing good humor have helped to make a better Board and a better Library. Motion by Steve Second by Ellen Approved unanimously

LINDA KABELAC APPRECIATION RESOLUTION

Resolved this day by the Aurora Free Library Board of Trustees that on her retirement date of April 20 2019, the Board of Trustees wishes to thank and acknowledge Linda Kabelac for her years of generous service to the Aurora Free Library. Linda’s care and affection for our patrons and for her community are examples of her dedication to serving others.

Over the years, Linda has worked hard without fanfare to help everyone who walks through the door and by doing so, has made a difference in their lives. Linda’s knowledge of Aurora’s and our Library’s history that she shared with our patrons will be sorely missed. The Board wishes to thank Linda Kabelac for her hard work and for making the Aurora Free Library a truly special place.

Motion by Steve Second by Ellen Approved unanimously

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT

The Board thanked Ed Easter for his role as vice-president and welcomed him as AFL’s newest employee. Julie Schneider offered to serve as vice-president. Thank you, Julie. Motion by Steve Second by Ellen Approved unanimously

Committee Reports – Morgan Opera House update on busy June and Preservation update on Hazardous Materials Testing and East Wall waterproofing/furnace replacement project.

Board of Trustees Goals for 2019/2020

Wide ranging discussion which began with Ed presenting his thoughts relative to October 2015 focus group work and brief discussion of the 2015-2020 current service plan.

Key point identified by Ellen as to how to identify then survey people who don’t use the Library. Jim built on this by discussion of

- How do we show that we add value for a specific group of current or potential patrons?

- Do people feel safe coming to the Library or should the Library go to them?
- Is there something that the Library does which can 'plug into' what others are currently doing?

Sandy pointed out we are currently working with local teens to develop a place, specifically the Old Jail, to hang out.

Barb addressed needs of large number of Guatemalan kids in the Southern Cayuga School District and, for instance, their use of cell phones to translate Spanish to Farsi, Spanish to English. Kids are adept at finding creative uses of this technology.

Potential for partnering with School District, King Ferry Catholic church, Friends to find out what they do now that we can plug into.

Thea identified developing relationship with Wells College especially for potential to use their facilities to support programs for literacy and other activities. Sandy has identified that we need these types of alternatives given fact it's difficult to run programming during regular Library open hours without disrupting either program or people not in the program using the Library at the same time.

Jim asked 'what's next' for the Long-Range Plan. Steve promised to provide for June meeting a breakdown of the planning process along the lines of what NYSED recommends.

At 6:45 pm Steve made motion to adjourn. Debbie seconded. Approved unanimously.