

Aurora Free Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2020

Present: Barb Blom, Thea Miller, Jim Burkett, Debbie Hoke, Steve Moolin, Julie Schneider, Ellen Baker-Wikstrom, Sue Dean and Sandy Groth

The meeting was conducted via ZOOM in compliance with recent social distancing recommendations and NYS Executive Orders in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The meeting was recorded. All participants were in their homes.

Call to Order at 5:35 pm. No conflicts of interest reported.

Consent Agenda – Steve made motion to approve the July 16 Board Meeting report and the August 20 agenda. Debbie seconded. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Spending is about 6% below the budgeted spending rate. Income is the crunch and will be felt in 2021. Thea provided a breakdown of Restricted Funds at CLNB and CNYCF balance immediately after the meeting.

Director's Report – Circulation down about 28% - not bad!

Committee Reports –

- **Fundraising** – The committee is still working to finalize dates and donors letter.
- **MOH** - Floor grate installation underway.
- **Preservation** – See President's Report

President's Report –

2021 Library Construction Aid Application

Wide ranging discussion about ventilation project and concern with finances both state based and replenishing the AFL Preservation account. Steve made motion to pursue project but no Second was received – project will not be pursued this funding round and will added to overall facility master planning for the building.

Old Business –

- **Nominating Committee** – Julie and Jim will take lead in contacting or asking others to contact candidates.
- **Long Range Service Plan** – Board, staff/volunteer, and Community Advisory Group summary of feedback was reviewed. The central messages were
 - Look at the long term as Libraries move from books to even more programs.
 - AFL is a trusted resource for information in difficult times.
 - People are currently concerned about return to school and how supported, COVID-19, Elections, and learning more about anti-racism.
 - Consider the communities we serve and those we may not know that much about yet.

Adjournment - 6:37 pm Debbie made motion. Ellen seconded. Approved unanimously.