

Aurora Free Library
Annual February Association Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2022

Present: Steve Moolin, Susan Deacon, Natalie Kimbrough, Thea Miller, Sue Dean, Jim Burkett, John Wendler, Dennis Looney, David Eckhardt, Marie Dentes, Robin Driskel, Sandy Groth, Nicole Jackson

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.

1. Steve Moolin called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.
2. Steve Moolin called on Marie Dentes and Robin Driskel to report on the Book Lovers' Ball. They reported that the past year has taught them that the BLB committee can conduct a successful BLB fundraiser under adverse circumstances. The 2021 BLB was canceled for the second year because of the pandemic. Nevertheless, in an online event with over 100 individuals and businesses the BLB raised nearly as much as when the event was held in person. Robin and Marie reported that the committee is currently in negotiations as to where the venue will be held this year. The date is set for October 7, 2022.
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. The library operates on a cash accounting basis.
 - i. Income: \$145,182 – 80% from taxes, grants and Book Lovers' Ball
 - ii. Expenses: \$162,449 – 77% from administration and salaries and construction expenses covered by previous year income
4. Director's Remarks – Highlights of 2021
 - a. A number of successful summer programs for kids
 - b. Story time – outdoors and ZOOM
 - c. Adult Virtual Travel Series and other workshops
 - d. New this year – art gallery, sketchbooks, blind date with books
 - e. Presence at Farmers Market and Halloween Candy Chute
 - f. Take and Make Projects
 - g. Sad good-bye to Ed and happy welcome of Nicole
 - h. Volunteer help with moving the library so the 1st floor could be replaced
 - i. Thank you to United Ministry for hosting the library during the 9 weeks when the floor was being replaced and Wells College for housing materials
 - j. A number of grants were received that made for great programming
 - k. We love our partners :
 - Village of Aurora
 - Create Kindness
 - King Ferry Food Pantry

- Lake House Creamery
 - Southern Cayuga Central Schools
 - Southern Cayuga Anne Frank Tree Project
 - United Ministry of Aurora
 - Wells College
 - Wilcox's Cream at the Top
1. Circulation was up; visits were up; program attendance was up from 2021
 - m. The library added
 - i. NY State Empire Pass to check out
 - ii. KFFP (food pantry) drop off box
 - iii. Books and games
 - iv. Early literacy
 - v. Reading across the region – more e-book offerings
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Fundraising
 - i. The Route 90 Book Sale was amazing
 1. Good quality books
 2. Volunteer help moving the books
 3. Volunteer help at the sale
 4. A successful sale
 - b. Morgan Opera House – 5 events held in 2021
 - Dave McKeon at Wells College Golf Course
 - Howland Stone Store Museum
 - Book Lovers' Ball Author Talk - Jim & Lydie Haenlin
 - Skaneateles String Quartet
 - tromBones East
 - c. Building Preservation – several projects
 - i. Cleaned out 1st floor and replaced/refinished floor and painted the walls
 - ii. Refinished front door
6. New Business
 - a. Revised Bylaws were presented to the Annual Association meeting for approval. Jim Burkett explained that the revised bylaws incorporate the amendments of the present bylaws, fix the number of board members at 7 trustees, and allow for trustees to serve a third three year term. Natalie Kimbrough moved to adopt the revised bylaws. Dennis Looney seconded the motion. CARRIED
 - b. Election of board members – Three board members were presented for nomination to the board – Thea Miller to serve a second term, David Eckhardt to serve a first term and Dennis Looney to serve a first term. Steve Moolin asked for additional nominations from the floor. Hearing none Jim Burkett move that nominations cease and the board cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees presented. Steve Moolin seconded the motion. CARRIED

c. The current Aurora Free Library Board presented the following for officers for 2022 (only current board members can vote).

i. President – Susan Deacon

Vice President – Ellen Wikstrom

Secretary – Natalie Kimbrough

Treasurer – Thea Miller

Jim Burkett moved to elect the slate of officers presented. Sue Dean seconded the motion.

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7. Adjournment – John Wendler moved to adjourn the meeting. David Eckhardt seconded the motion. CARRIED