

Aurora Free Library
Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2022

Present: Susan Deacon, David Eckhardt, Thea Miller, Ellen Wikstrom
Zoom: Susan Dean, Natalie Kimbrough
Excused: Dennis Looney
Staff: Sandy Groth

The meeting was conducted via ZOOM and in-person. The meeting was recorded. The two zoom participants were in their homes.

- A. Susan Deacon called the meeting to order at 5:35pm and welcomed all in attendance.
- B. Conflict of Interest – No conflicts of interest were noted. Susan motioned to approve the consent agenda, Dave seconded. CARRIED
- C. Treasurers' Report
 - a. Waiting for the final BLB numbers to be confirmed. We will have full numbers at the November meeting.
 - b. The \$75,000 tax revenue was received
 - c. Annual appeal planned to be sent mid-November. We have a printing/ mailing quote from Jacobs Press. David, Susan Deacon and Susan Dean will review the mailing list. \$750 is budgeted for the annual appeal costs.
 - d. Susan Deacon made the motion to approve the Treasurers' report, Ellen seconded. CARRIED
- D. Director's Report
 - a. Sandy outlined the upcoming events; Witchy Women of the Finger Lakes, Movie night, and Horror in the Library magic show.
- E. Committee Reports-
 - a. Fundraising-
 - i. Susan Dean confirmed we are waiting on the BLB final numbers.
 - b. Morgan Opera House -
 - i. Ellen presented that 75 people attended the Skaneateles Chamber. Ensemble on Sunday, October 13th. They would like to come back and record the performance.
 - ii. Octet of Trombones tentatively scheduled for Christmas in Aurora (12/3)
 - c. Preservation -

- i. Johnson Stonework is tentatively scheduled to seal the edges of the steps and stairs in the next two weeks. This will finish the side stair project.
- ii. Johnson Stonework is scheduled to work on the front steps if the Lemondes money (\$4,500) is granted.
- iii. Village of Aurora, in coordination with the AFL, applied for grant funds for Community Enhancement under the New York Forward Grant Program. The grant is specifically written for AFL and MOH window replacement and air conditioning for the MOH. If granted, the AFL and MOH would be awarded \$340,000 in State funds, with a donor match of \$30,000 totalling \$370,000. AFL will know by the end of 2022 if we are in the top three candidates for state funding.
- iv. NY State aid of \$32,610 was released. This covers the 90% costs for south-west roof repairs. Steve Moolin will coordinate the work in the Spring of 2023.

d. Nominating Committee -

- i. MOH committee is responsible for presenting a representative to serve on the AFL board. Ellen is willing to serve in an interim role if there is a lapse in representation.

- e. Preservation Committee Followup - Discussion of the Preservation committee needing its own treasurer. The main duties of this role is tracking the grant/project money. The committee will discuss who will fill this role.

F. Annual Calendar -

- a. November - Preliminary budget and tax cap override discussion
- b. December - Finalize drafted budget, nominate new board members, determine the Annual meeting date
- c. January - Adopt the budget
- d. February - Annual meeting

G. Old Business - Long Range Plan Updates

- a. Committees will continue to discuss plans

H. Adjournment – Susan moved to adjourn the meeting, Ellen seconded. CARRIED.
Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Next meetings: Thursday, November 17th, December 15th, January 19th