

Aurora Free Library
Meeting Minutes
ANNUAL MEETING
February 15, 2024

Present: Susan Deacon, David Eckhardt, Dennis Looney, Thea Miller, Lars Peterson

Zoom: Susan Dean and Natalie Kimbrough

Guests: Lori Knopp, Tracy Leffingwell(Zoom), Marie Dentes, Robin Driskel, Chris MacCormick

Staff: Sandy Groth

The meeting was conducted in-person and Zoom.

A. Susan called the meeting to order at 5:52 pm.

B. Annual Report Presentation - Susan

- a. Treasurer's Report - no significant changes from year to year. Increase in grant expenses due to the roofing project.
- b. Director's Report -
 - i. Programs/Projects: Art projects have been a favorite, fiber arts group was a new addition.
 - ii. Visitors and programs are up. Circulation numbers are steady.
 - iii. Grant Funding: Helps fund books and author visits to the Southern Cayuga School students as well as many performer program costs.
- c. Books Lovers' Ball:
 - i. Successful 2023 BLB. Close to selling out.
 - ii. 2023 brought an increase for the meal costs which resulted in increase ticket prices and less net profit.
 - iii. Looking for dates for the 2024 BLB. Meal costs will increase again for 2024. Looking at Wells and Treleven as an alternative location, if dates/costs at the Inns don't work.
- d. MOH (Lars):
 - i. Successful performance line-up
 - ii. Submitted a NY State grant for the MOH air conditioning system
- e. Preservation (Dave):
 - i. Completed 2020 NY State Library construction project, including the jail room, floor replacement, and front door renovations
 - ii. Completed the Roofing Project 2022 - NY State Library Construction project.
 - iii. Anticipated 2024 MOH air conditional project through the NY State Library construction grant.
 - iv. NY Forward Downtown Revitalization grant awarded for window replacement
 - v. 2024 marks the 125 year for the library building
- f. Trustee Nominees
 - i. Natalie made a motion to nominate Anne Cramer and Lori Knopp as new

board trustees for 2024. Dennis second. CARRIED

- i. Susan motioned the following board seats:
 1. Dave - President
 2. Dennis - Vice President
 3. Thea - Treasurer
 4. Lori - Secretary
- a. Lars seconded, CARRIED

C. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Susan

Seconded: Thea

Action: Carried

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm

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Staff: Sandy Groth

D. Susan opened the meeting at 6:52

E. Conflict of Interest/Consent Agenda – No conflicts of interest were noted. Motion to accept the consent agenda.

Move by: Susan

Second: Sue Dean

Action: Carried

F. NYSED Annual Report (Sandy and Thea)

- a. Sandy will submit the report soon so FLLS can get to State by March 1. Dave moved to approve the annual report, Dennis seconded, CARRIED.

G. Substitute Hourly Rate

- a. Discussion of increasing Linda Kabelac's hourly rate from \$15/hour to \$17/hour. Thea made the motion to increase the pay to \$17/hour, Dave seconded, CARRIED.

H. Adopt 2024 Board Meeting Schedule

- a. Third Thursday of every month, except February (TBD). Dennis made the motion to approve the schedule, Lars seconded, CARRIED.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Susan

Seconded: Natalie

Action: Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm