

Ogdensburg Public Library

Board of Trustees Meeting

March 2, 2022

Board present: Marc Boyer, Michelle McLagan, Kathleen Lawrence, Christopher Lalone, Barbara McDonough

Board excused: Thomas Hannan, James Amo, Cheryl Ladouceur,

Staff present: Dorian Lenney-Wallace

Staff absent: Penny Kerfien

Guests: Connie Jenkins

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Approval of the March 2, 2022 agenda: Motion to approve the March agenda was made by Michelle McLagan and seconded by Barbara McDonough. *Unanimous*

Public comments: none

Disposition of the February minutes: Motion to approve the February minutes was made by Michelle McLagan and seconded by Marc Boyer. *Unanimous*

Statistical and financial reports: Motion to approve the bills paid in January and February was made by Michelle McLagan and seconded by Barbara McDonough. *Unanimous*

Director's report: Questions regarding the given report can be asked next month.

Children's and Youth Services report: Additions to the report include a request for volunteers for the Easter egg hunt in April. There are extra craft kits which will be donated along with a calendar of library events. The librarian answered questions regarding the policy of showing movies in the library.

Chairperson's report: no report

Committee and Friends of OPL reports:

- A. Building and grounds: The committee believes a coordinated plan is needed to steer the Library into the future. On the exterior, attention should be given to the stucco, front steps, roof, and parking. The interior should be extended and repurposed to provide added space for people, programs, and collections. These improvements must comply with ADA(Americans with Disabilities Act) and other standards for library building. It is understood the extent of these changes cannot be fully considered until professional consultations are completed.
- B. Policy and Personnel: NCLS (North Country Library System) encourages us to adopt the Defense of Intellectual Freedom Statement as a policy. Motion to approve the Defense of Intellectual Freedom Statement was made by Barbara McDonough and seconded by Marc Boyer. *Unanimous* We also reviewed the Request for Reconsideration of Library Material form. We will review this and vote in April.
- C. Finance: no report

- D. Northern New York Community Foundation (NNYCF) : The committee met on 16 February. The reception has been cancelled. The newsletter explaining the endowment challenge was sent. The director participated in a television interview, there was newspaper coverage, and a Facebook challenge was initiated by two individuals to garner contributions to the endowment challenge. Thank you notes were sent to those individuals, as well as to Matt Curatolo, editor of the Ogdensburg Journal for his coverage.
- E. Friends of the OPL: The February meeting was cancelled due to an area-wide power outage. The next meeting is 9 March, the highlights include a review of the by-laws, the conflict of interest policy, and NNYCF donation timing.

Unfinished business: none

Strategic planning: discussion happened throughout the meeting, especially during the building and grounds and new business discussions.

New business:

- A. Fine free discussion: There is a trend throughout the nation for libraries to go fine free, meaning that there are no fines for overdue books. There was a long discussion regarding pros and cons for going fine free. This discussion will be continued in April.
- B. When board members are asked questions regarding the operation of the library, the questions need to be referred to the library director. The director is the person who can best answer the specifics of a citizen's concern.

Announcements:

Friends of the Library meeting: Wednesday, 9 March 2022 at 4 pm.

Board of Trustees meeting: Wednesday, 6 April at 6 pm.

Check the library calendar of monthly programs.

Friends Book Store is open Wednesdays from 4-6, Thursdays and Fridays from 2-4.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm was made by Barbara McDonough and seconded by Marc Boyer.

Unanimous

Kathleen Lawrence,

Secretary