

Meeting Minutes April 2023

Genesee Area Library Board Meeting Minutes for 4/17/23. This meeting was held via Microsoft Teams. Meeting was called to order by President Chris Moser at 7:33 pm.

Attendance: Chris Moser (Pres/Co- Tres), Kristine Smith (Tres), Sue Reed (Sec), Nate Pott Jr., Lisa Werner, Erica Moses (Lib Director)

Absent: Laura Bryant, Trinity Cowburn

Motion was made to accept the March meeting minutes by Kristine and 2nd by Nate, unanimous motion carried.

Treasurer Report by Kristine Smith

April Report

3/31/23 bank statement balances

Checking \$46,959.95

Savings \$3,708.12

Credits of \$2,371.15

Debits of \$2,821.94

Quarterly reports to be completed by month end

Motion made to accept the March Treasurer report was made by Nate, 2nd by Chris, unanimous motion carried.

Directors Report by Erica Moses

Patron Count: 75 adults, 17 Kids

New Items: 36

Deleted Items: 0

Blind Date Book Club: 8

Tanglewood is booked and on schedule for 6/28. They're at Knoxville and Whitesville that day so the director said it would save us a bit on the mileage.

State Police will visit on July 5th and the headwaters association is set for July 19th.

The park form was filled out and returned. Still have a little more planning to do, but otherwise, summer reading is set for our main age group. Working on Teens/Adults and received two \$50 gift cards for KwikFill to use for Adult Summer Reading rewards.

Should we decide on the best Saturday for July 2024 so that we can reserve the park now for our Christmas in July? The 6th, 13th, 20th, or 27th are the dates, in my opinion we should pick either the 13th or the 20th so that we are not near the July 4th weekend, nor too close to the Potter County Fair.

Potter-Tioga Library system is still working on getting our Resource Sharing starting. Leslie has been working on hiring a driver that would deliver materials weekly. Gail is also retiring so we're also looking for someone to take her place. Both positions are part-time and based out of the system office.

As mentioned before, OCL has been working on a new waiver process and requirements to receive state aid. The following was a bullet point in the last email from them: A NEW application for state aid will be implemented this year and will be combined with the waiver application. Training for the new process will be held in June. There are three forums being held for Library Directors regarding the PA library statute and regulations. I signed up to attend via zoom on May 16th in support of small and rural libraries as we are often left out of the conversation.

I did not make the meeting on the governor's proposed budget, but we did discuss it during the Small and Rural Library roundtable. While nothing has been finalized, it will supposedly be easier for tiny libraries to access funds for building improvements. I would also like to note that Martin Causer, has come out against Shapiro's budget increase of 5.9% over the current year's plan stating: "It is irresponsible to use that money for more government programs." But also said: "Although I am concerned about the level of spending on new initiatives, it is important that we make strategic investments in our core functions, such as education and public safety. Ultimately, I will advocate for a budget that addresses the needs of our rural communities and respects the taxpayers who foot the bill." I would urge all of us to write to him to support the budget and especially the new item line that directly affects libraries of the rural communities he cares so much about.

Proposed Summer Hours: May 29th through September 4th

Tuesday: 10am - 6 pm (8hrs)

Wednesday: 8am - 2:30pm (6.5hrs)

Thursday: 10am - 6pm (8hrs)

Friday: 8am - 1:30pm (5.5hrs)

Total: 28hrs.

We did receive a RTKR on April 11th that was responded to. They asked for our discrimination policy and were given the URL for our website where patron policies are viewable and also let them know that we are not considered a government agency and therefore not subject to RTK. They then asked for our 990 for the years 2020 and 2021. Both of which are public information that is posted online through the IRS and a few other agencies, so I did give them as well. They did respond once more with a statement which did not require any sort of response, so I left it at

Old Business:

Bake Sale was a huge success, over \$500 was made. Some ideas going forward for bake sale is to have a list of names of those who make baked good donations. We need to be more aware of allergies for customers. We should also start using some sort of Fund-Raising Forms for any fundraisers that we do. This could be handy for our future board as a reference.

Chris did attend the Potter Tioga System Meeting - Gail is retiring and they are working on redoing some things. Not really anything new to report on.

Financial Review - Kristine told Linda's office that we need this done by July.

New Business:

Potter Tioga Library System bill came and is \$250. Motion was made by Chris, 2nd by Lisa, unanimous motion carried for this bill to be paid.

Christmas in July 2024 - Chris is going to reserve the full park for 7/13/24. We plan to do a Save the Date to hand out to our November Christmas Bizarre vendors.

Summer hours for the library presented by Erica were voted on, motion made by Sue, 2nd by Kris, unanimous motion carried. The hours for 5/29/23 until 9/4/23 will be as follows.....

Mon - Closed
Tues - 10-6
Wed - 8-2:30
Thur - 10-6
Fri 8-1:30

The next Board meeting will be 5/15/23 @ 6:30 pm.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm by Sue, 2nd by Chris, unanimous motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Reed, Secretary

This meeting was not audio recorded

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