

**Onondaga Free Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 23, 2016**

Present at the Meeting

Dan Pautz, Casey Barduhn, Anthony Finochio, Jen Frasier, Bri Fundalinski, Susan Morgan, Alyssa Newton, Anne Andrianos, Dan Andrianos.

Meeting called to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Dan Pautz at 7:42 p.m.

Approval of minutes of the March 9 meeting

Dan made a motion to approve the March 9 minutes, seconded by Casey. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report and check approval – approved at the March 9 meeting.

Director's Report

Susan discussed the pending DeWitt Library litigation and Dan confirmed this appeal is the highest level at the state supreme court and the decision would be final. This has significant impact to all free association libraries. Anthony stated we may want to have a contingency plan in case the appeal is upheld. Susan mentioned the auto renewal feature in Polaris that some county libraries have started doing. It has to be enabled and renews applicable patron items automatically. There is potential for goodwill plus it would possibly decrease fine revenues.

Friends Update

Anne reported current membership is 168 members and total raised is \$6,820. The shamrock sale and geology day were very successful events. Anne requested a conflict of interest policy template from Dan for the Friends to use. May fundraisers include the geranium sale and Used Book Sale.

Building and Grounds

The walkway flooring was installed. Anthony asked about the warranty coverage. Susan will follow up with the company for this and the proper cleaning and maintenance. Anne discussed concerns about speed in the library parking lot and if signage or speed bumps can be considered. The board discussed these issues along with building access, particularly from the back parking lot.

Personnel

Susan reported two new employees were hired: Lydia Loan, page to replace Liz Kelly and Melissa Morgan, clerk to replace Eurain Scott.

Old Business

The referendum plan and resolution to do a tax cap override was discussed. Bri will draft the resolution language and give to Dan to sign. The board also discussed making certain as a free association library we are exempt from the 2% tax cap. Based on the state resources at NYLA, free association libraries are permitted to override the tax cap with a 60% board resolution vote. The town board is also confirming this is the case. The board recommended having several public meetings to inform everyone of the petition expectations and to identify community members that could help collect signatures. It was also recommended to start a list of people that are willing to help with petition signature collection.

The LED lighting quote has been tabled until April meeting and hopefully will have the final quote on the recessed can lighting.

New Business

Susan proposed closing July 2 and December 26 this year due to the holiday schedule. The board approved these additional unpaid closings. The plan is to have the parking lot sealing and striping done over the July 4 weekend this year using the same contractor, EWS who is offering the same price from 2014 of \$2200.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Dan, seconded by Bri to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Morgan