

Depauville Free Library
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 7, 2017

Meeting called to order at 4:57 p.m.

Attendance: Tresa Forkey, Amber Forkey, Linda Brewer, Gail Egeressy, Shannon Martinez, Karen Lago, Phil Pond, Keitha Haas and Jan Larrow

July minutes approved by Tresa, seconded by Gail.

Treasurer's Report: Bank Balance 8/1: \$32,667.91

Major Expenses (excluding salaries and books): \$2000 (Regi Carpenter) \$247.50 (last half to Stewart Signs for above the door lettering), \$360 (Tory Carpenter for July RR), \$192.55 (apple tree bags and care).

Income: \$528.07 (last half of Jefferson County Funding), \$100 (from home schoolers for piano tuning), \$30 (Dep. History books), \$35 (Regi's Adult Program)

Treasurer's Report was approved by Jan, seconded by Shannon.

Director's Report

July Program Attendance

Story Times here and on the road with Anita & Suzzi (9)	67
CAPC Lunches	184
Library Board Meeting	10
Reading Recovery	83
Book Club	8
July CNY Alzheimer's Association session	2
BB Crafters	4
Summer Science Digest: Sue Gwise	36
Summer Science Digest: Wildlife Rehabilitators	27
Regi's 3 day Puppet Camp	36
Regi's Adult Performance	8
Writers Group with Regi Carpenter	12
Tick Talk	20
Sick Around the World documentary	8
Teen Iron Chef meeting	3
Community Room LuLaRoe clothing party	10

July Facebook Stats

Likes	Posts	Reach	Engaged Users
388	35	5923	490

Upcoming Programs / Events:

- 8/3 Model Railroad Club meeting, 11 am
- 8/9 Alzheimer's Assoc: Know the 10 Warning Signs, 5-6pm
- 8/10 Summer Science Digest: Emily Sheridan (NYSDEC): Great Lakes Watershed Program, 6:30pm at the IRLC Redwood Hill Preserve
- 8/12 Carmen D'Avino Second Saturday Cinema: Four Oscar nominated animated short films, 7pm

- 8/15 Mark Black: The History of the 50s & 60s through Popular Song, 6pm
- 8/23 Town of Clayton Board Meeting at Depauville Library
- 8/24 READING RECOVERY ends
- 9/2 Sidewalk Art in the Village of Clayton
- 9/16 SUMMER SQUEEZE : Pickle, Jam, and Pie Contests/ Writing Contest/
Sci Tech Center Show, 11am /Shredcom, 11-1/ Dog Training, 12/ Face Painting/Games/
Plant and Bake Sales/ Hot Dogs on the grill**
- 9/21 Alzheimer's Assoc: Living with Alzheimer's: The early stage, 3-5pm
- 10/10 Alzheimer's Assoc: Living with Alzheimer's: The middle stage, Part I, 3-5pm
- 10/14 Wilson Stevenson, 1-3pm
- 10/14 Carmen D'Avino Second Saturday Cinema: Federico Fellini's *Amarcord*, 7pm
- 10/21 International Archaeology Day. Ken Knapp is penciled in
- 10/25 Alzheimer's Assoc: Living with Alzheimer's: The middle stage, Part 2, 3-5pm
- 11/8 Alzheimer's Assoc: Living with Alzheimer's: The late stage, 3-5pm
- 11/11 Carmen D'Avino Second Saturday Cinema: Michel Ocelot's *Tales of the Night*, 7pm
- 12/9 Carmen D'Avino Second Saturday Cinema: Peter Bogdanovich's *She's Funny That Way*,
7pm

Unfinished and Old Business

Fran Ludlow came in again on July 11 to look at the windows and will be calling Northern Glass that now carries Farley Windows regarding replacements parts to repair the spread and sashes.

Mark from Stewart Signs installed the 5" plastic letters above the front door on 7/20.

The new Toshiba printer was delivered and installed on July 31.

Senator Ritchie secured funding (most likely Bullet Aid) for North Country libraries this July. DFL received \$2,000. When Karen called and asked about our request for \$13,000, she was told that it is still active and will be looked at next year. History: DFL made initial request for \$13,000 on 9/22/16 and then resent request to Watertown office's Sarah Comp on 10/20/16. **NOTE:** We did not receive Bullet Aid funding from Ritchie last fall.

Inventory of Library property: Jan created a video and Excel inventory; replacement values need to be found.

Historic Marker for Indian pathway on corner of Route 12 and Route 179: Catskill Castings price is \$1200. It will read "Native Pathway: Junction of trails travelled by indigenous tribes between Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River for many millennia"

State's Women's Heritage Trail – Karen contacted NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and spoke with the Director of Historic preservation Services, Michael Lynch, about getting some sort of marker/recognition for the 1846 petition for women's rights put forth by 6 women from Depauville, two years before the Seneca Falls Convention for women's rights. Mr. Lynch stopped by the library and picked up information Karen had assembled for him. He was extremely interested ... we shall see if anything results.

Karen has talked to NCLS about once again having a meeting with Hawn about the very bad split with county funding (they get 85% we get 15%). NCLS is contacting Hawn Library to re-open talks for an equitable split of Jefferson County taxes coming back to the Town's 2 libraries.

We purchased the 4 inch rain gauge recommended by Todd Walter and White's Lumber donated the post and metal spike needed to put it up. It is still not installed. Karen would like to begin a small campaign promoting participation in this as well as seeking citizen scientists to also take part in bird counts, finding archeological sites using online satellite images, and reporting mineral deposits found locally.

No movement on the possibility of getting Internet Hot Spots offered by the library from funding from the Smart Schools Bond Act.

New Business

CAPC Lunch program is feeding about 10 kids a day and will run, Monday through Friday, until August 18.

Reading Recovery news:

-Tory returned on 7/25 for the last week of July tutoring. Anita is now tutoring during daytime hours for the children she originally signed up, and Suzzi is working Anita's regular afternoon and evening hours Tuesday through Thursday, as well as her normal hours on Friday and Saturday. This schedule will continue until August 10. Tory's August Reading Recovery schedule will end on 8/24.

-Anita's salary for RR this July was \$1224; Tory received \$360. (Anita is being paid the \$18/hour that she requested for tutoring and Tory has agreed to \$20/hour, down from the \$30 she asked for and received last year. Karen gave her the option of \$30/hour for every child that she actually tutored OR \$20/hour for a 6 hour day, regardless of the number of absentee students.) Even considering that we paid Suzzi \$73 more in July for subbing for Anita, we saved \$1511 over our budgeted amount ... enough money to almost pay for the new printer!

Anita is scheduled for shoulder surgery September 14 and will be taking off beginning 9/4. She will have her post-op appointment on 9/26 and will know then how much longer she will need to remain off. During her absence, Suzzi will work all of Anita's hours.

Government money from both Addie Jenne and Patty Ritchie's offices has been approved towards the high speed internet lines for NCLS libraries. The equipment for our fiber optic connection is in at NCLS! Installation is now being arranged by DANC.

No Board member photos taken this time. All the officers should at least be present and missing Board members (at the time of the photos) could have their photos taken separately. Shannon and Linda still need to be sworn in.

Ken Knapp will be giving a talk at the Lyme Heritage Center on Sunday, August 20, from 2-4pm, entitled, "The Hidden History of Native Americans".

Playground: On Tuesday, July 18, the Town Arena crew finished staining the playground structures. The only other planned work is the purchase of a new baby swing (which should happen quickly), and replace the pea gravel with shredded rubber (which will not be until next year).

DFL Flash Drives: 100 64MB flash drives ordered: \$335, including delivery.

Karen got a copy of the Joint Town/Village Comprehensive Plan 2016 to be on display at the library.

Victims Assistance Center of Jefferson County has requested that the library be used as a "safe haven" for meetings with clients. It was unanimously approved.

Karen pointed out article from the Trustees newsletter about the possibility of federal funding for libraries getting cut.

Karen would like to have a third week's paid vacation and forgot it when we did her contract. It was unanimously approved and the contract will be amended. She will also be taking August 21, 22, & 23 off.

Amber has a great idea for a fundraiser. Peggy Foresman has offered use of her dog diving pool for a flat rate for a day. We could sell tickets for folks that want to practice their dogs (maybe \$15) and also tickets for people who just want to watch (maybe \$3). We could sell hot dogs, bake sale, etc. We decided it would be better to wait until next summer to really plan the event instead of trying to cram it in this year.

EVENTS IN THE WORKS

Chalk Festival (Sept. 2) was discussed - looking for folks to come and help with registration, etc. Karen has asked Sonja Wahl and Marina Loew, from the 1000 Islands Arts Center to judge the competition.

Summer Squeeze/Shred (Sept. 16) - Sci-Tech show at 11, Dog events with Peggy Foresman at 12, selling hot dogs again (looking for a grill, Karen's is dead, Shannon to call Sheena to see if they can let us use theirs), Suzzi making an outdoor Scrabble game board, plus other outdoor games. Perennial flower sale (please bring plants from your gardens to sell), Amber will run a bake sale, Document Shredding will take place from 11-1 and be set up on Sewer side of library, Pickle, Jam & Pie Contest winners announced between 10am and 10:30am. Judges have not been chosen. Karen checking with TI Sun for costs of advertising.

No cider press, no jazz ensemble, no Rick West for this event.

Karen will try to secure Susannah Risley for the writer's workshop for next year.

Civics class ...

Chair Caning (Deb)

Tresa would like to put her activity ideas on hold until next year, possibly tying some in to the Garden Gathering next year.

Next meeting is TUESDAY, September 5th at 5 p.m. If this will not work for you, please let us know ASAP. Tresa can't do Wed. and Monday is Labor Day. We didn't want to drag it into next week because we will have a lot to do with the Summer Squeeze coming up.

Tresa adjourned the meeting at 5:57. Jan seconded it.