

Depauville Free Library  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, December 6, 2017

Meeting called to order at 11:10 AM.

**Attendance:** Tresa Forkey, Teresa Gallup, Linda Brewer, Keitha Haas, Phil Pond, Karen Lago, Deb Rantanen, Jan Larrow, Gail Egeressy

**November 2017 Minutes** approved with correction by Deb, seconded by Jan.

**Treasurer's Report**

Bank Balance: \$11,329.14

Major Expenses (excluding salaries and books):

Income: \$120 donations

**Director's Report**

**November Program Attendance**

Story Times here and on the road with Anita & Suzzi (7)	29
Tutoring at the Library	16
Library Board Meeting	12
CNY Alzheimer's Association session	2
Model Railroad Club	15
Writers Group	4
Chess Club	19
Book Club	5
BB Crafters	11
Sewer Meeting	8
Second Saturday Cinema	7
Joyce Gould Thanksgiving Craft	12
Community Room Rental	20

**November Facebook Stats**

Likes	Posts	Reach	Engaged Users
396	17	3683	385

**Upcoming Programs / Events:**

Model Railroad Club meets every Thursday at 3:30.

Chess Club meets twice a month, 5:30-7:00, on Tuesdays.

12/9 Carmen D'Avino Second Saturday Cinema: Peter Bogdanovich's *She's Funny That Way*, 7pm

12/14 Joyce Gould Christmas card workshop, 6pm

12/? Model Railroad Club Christmas theme Open House ??

1/10 Writers Group, 1-3PM

1/20 Chair Caning Class, 10AM

1/27 IRLC / Stone Soup Saturday: Vici and Steven Diehl on heirlooms and gardening, noon

2/24 IRLC / Stone Soup Saturday: All About Alvar, Julie K. Covey, Director of Ontario Bays Initiative, noon

3/10 Dani Baker talk on small fruits and berries, noon

3/31 IRLC / Stone Soup Saturday: SLU's Paul Graham will speak about celiac disease, modern grain, and his 2016 book, *In Memory of Bread*, noon

4/28 IRLC / Stone Soup Saturday: Todd Walter on citizen science opportunities, noon

5/3 Marc Black: The History of the 50s & 60s through Popular Song, Clayton Opera House, 7pm

**Unfinished and Old Business**

Fran Ludlow ... still waiting on parts to repair the spread and sashes of our **Farley Windows** now distributed by Northern Glass.

Requesting **funds from Senator Ritchie**: for a new front iron railing to be made by Grindstone Fabrications. Per Karen, since DFL will end the year with more funds than we anticipated, the Library may be able to contribute a significant share to railing cost.

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

Historic Marker for **Indian pathway** .... **Catskill Castings price: \$1200** .They will take an advance payment. DFL will pay additional monies down before year end.

“Native Pathway: Trail travelled by indigenous tribes between Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River for many millennia” Wording ???

**Depauville’s suffrage petition** on the State’s Women’s Heritage Trail! Still need to research location of homes of the families of the 6 women to see if they would be interested in a historic designation.

**County Funding**: Paulette has contacted Hawn re another go around for an equitable split of Jefferson County funding. Some of Hawn’s board will be leaving shortly for the winter, but they are willing to meet and will come up with several possible dates when their board meets next in November. At this time, DFL is awaiting a letter from Hawn to commit to a date for a joint meeting in the spring – possibly April 2018.

**Smart Schools Bond Act** through TI School District ...

Installation of **fiber optic** ....

## **New Business**

Still need to hire a **new clerk**. Discussion of adding hours to make the position more desirable by doubling up staff on Thursday evening. Two Board members volunteered to work on Saturday December 9 and 16 to cover the vacancy during December.

**Library tax levy** increase on school ballot was discussed. Karen explained that we could request a \$2000 increase in tax levy without an override. Budget considerations to keep in mind as we determine how to proceed are: 1) mandated increase in minimum o \$10.40/hour and 2) how to allot increments for clerks above the current maximum of \$12/hour.

**Town crew repaired** ceiling light in Community Room, the outside light over the back door, and the railing on the inside stairway. They reported back to Jimmy Jones the two areas where the roof leaked and the stairway carpet that has become unglued.

Shannon took **oath of office** on 11/15

Delores Bell, along with others she has enlisted, will **chair the Seed Library**.

**Health insurance** for the next library director? Need to consider how to proceed in order to plan for a vibrant future for library leadership.

Deb obtained list of existing clubs and club advisors at Thousand Islands School, but still needs to get lists from LaFargeville, Brownville and Redwood schools as well for help in promoting our youth programs.

Board unanimously approved a **new personnel policy** that once clerks reach the current maximum limit of \$12/hour, additional increases will be distributed annually based on merit.

### **EVENTS IN THE WORKS:**

Susannah Risley ... writers workshop in 2018 ...

Dock Dogs at Peggy Foresman’s

Civics Class ...

Dog obedience class at DFL once a month

Raffles as fundraisers

Disaster preparedness and self-reliance Expo

Executive session called by Tresa at 11:45 AM.

Executive session adjourned at 11:55

The Board voted to change the monthly meetings to the first Thursday of the month.

**Next meeting** is March 8 at 11 AM.

Tresa made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Deb. Board meeting adjourned at noon.