

**Depauville Free Library  
Board of Trustee Minutes  
February 18, 2020**

Present: Amber Forkey, Tresa Forkey, Jan Larrow, Gail Egeressey, Keith Haas, Teresa Gallup via phone, Karen Lago, Kate Wehrle

Absent: Phil Pond, Ken Knap

Meeting Called to Order: 11:12am

Approval of Minutes: The January minutes were approved by the board. *Motion made by Gail, seconded by Teresa.*

**Treasurer's Report:**

Bank Balance: \$74,741.47

Major Expenses (excluding books and salary): \$379.54 (disability), \$557 (worker's comp), \$300 (Tory Carpenter)

Income: \$160 (donation from BBs), \$58 Ebey Nature Talk, \$20 donation

Report approved by board. Motion made by Jan, motion seconded by Amber.

**Director's Report:**

Program Attendance in December and January

Story Times Here and on the Road	76
Tutoring Sessions	41
Library Board Meeting	8
Quilter's Club	4
Writers on the River	3
Chess Club	12
Train Club	4
Second Saturday Cinema	9
BB's	4
Chris Ebey's Nature Talk on Glaciers	58
Census Recruiters	2
Seed Selection Saturday	10
Joyce Gould Valentine Workshop	9

Facebook Stats for January

Likes	Posts	Reach	Engaged Users
521	19	3922	446

**Upcoming Programs/ Events:**

\*Quilters Club meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 10-3

\*Model Railroad Club meets two Tuesdays each month, 3:45-5:00

\*Youth Chess Club meets two Tuesdays each month, 5:30-7:00

2/29 Nature Talk at Noon: Dr. Laurie Rush, Pathways Through Time: Native Americans and Europeans of Northern New York

3/14 Carmen D'Avino Second Saturday Cinema, "Nuts!", 4pm

3/28 Nature Talk at Noon: Dr. Stephen Bird, Clarkson, Moving Apart? Polarization and the search for Common ground in America

4/7 Alzheimer's Association: Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia, 5pm

4/11 Carmen D'Avino Second Saturday Cinema, "Journey from the Fall", 4pm

4/25 Nature Talk at Noon: TNC's David Klein & Sustainable Methods for Improving Shoreline Resiliency

- 5/9 Carmen D'Avino Second Saturday Cinema, "Anomalisa". 7pm
- 5/16 Wilson Stevenson, 1-3pm (Can Pre-Pay, \$15/ \$20 at the Door)
- 5/19 Alzheimer's Association: Effective Communication, 5pm
- 6/9 Alzheimer's Association: Financial, 5pm
- 6/13 Carmen D'Avino Second Saturday Cinema, "Parasite", 7pm
- 7/7 Alzheimer's Association: Behaviors, 5pm
- 8/8 Carmen D'Avino Second Saturday Cinema, "Honeyland", 7pm
- 9/5 Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival, Regional Docks, Clayton, 9am-noon)
- 9/12 Summer Squeeze (Pie, Jam & Pickle Contests, Rick West @ noon, ect.)
- 10/10 Carmen D'Avino Second Saturday Cinema, "The Farwell", 4pm
- 10/17 International Archaeological Day with Akwesasne Women Singers and Ken Knapp
- 10/24 Global Cardboard Challenge (with Cape Vincent Library and Hawn Memorial Library)
- 11/14 Carmen D'Avino Second Saturday Cinema, "This Magnificent Cake", 4pm
- 12/12 Carmen D'Avino Second Saturday Cinema, "Feast of Seven Fishes", 4pm

**Unfinished Business:**

**Depauville's Suffrage Petition:** The historic marker commemorating the 1846 petition for suffrage penned by "six ladies from Depauville" will be included in the National Votes for Women Trail. Installation of this marker and the accompanying plaque of the text of the petition will be handled by Ken Knapp, Mark Stewart, and Bob Meeks in April and the dedication ceremony will take place on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 am with a reception following at the library.

**Smart Schools Bond Act:** Angela Picunis (TI School District Treasurer) has informed us that there has not been any movement in the paying out of funds however we are a main priority for them.

**Jefferson County Funding:** DFL sent letter on 8/20/18 to Hawn requesting they bring to resolution this issue by voting at their next board meeting on a 40/60 split. Hawn's reply was proposing the split be based solely on IT expenditures. We countered suggesting that IT be included in the other statistics, which when tallied, underscores the correctness of a 40/60 split. Deb Hunter, Hawn's new board president called Jan to open channels of communication at the end of 2019.

**Greenhouse Replacement:** The placement of the new greenhouse was discussed and is being researched further. When the weather is warmer, we will need to assess the sight more closely. We may also want to install a wind gauge for community insight into wind patterns in Depauville. We can order just the frame from Pelham. If we inventory the parts we need, they can supply them. It is rated to receive winds of 60 MPH. Emailed Rob Campany for siting recommendations .... no word yet.

**Handicap Railing:** Ken Knapp said that the Town of Clayton will allocate funds for the handicap metal railing in 2020 to assure that, with the \$3000 earmarked for the project in our 2020 budget, there will be the necessary funds to meet the \$7,500 estimate from Whitecap Construction.

**Maintenance:** AC in community room/ Sheetrock in downstairs bathroom/ Town buy-in if DFL seeks parking lot grant/Replace rug in foyer and down stairs

**New Business:**

Anita's anniversary date 2/9: The board voted a pay increase and spoke very highly of Anita's abilities and dedication, especially in her work with one-on-one tutoring.

The board unanimously approved increasing our library levy on the T I School District ballot by \$9500.

Our new banks cards will be ready for signing in March along with the debit card.

The board voted to hire a bookkeeper for approximately 3 hours a month. We will also purchase a laptop to be used for library presentations and for the bookkeeper's use (QuickBooks will be purchased and loaded on the new laptop).

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00

Meeting adjourned: 12:10pm by President, Tresa Forkey

*Recording Secretary, Amber Forkey*