

Amery Public Library Board of Trustees
Monday, January 23, 2023

Ashley Long called the meeting to order at 5:45pm in person at the Amery Area Public Library. Also, present were Jennifer Tyman, Kyrsten Hughes, Eric Elkin, Greta McCarty & Linda Gale, Director Heather Wiarda, Youth Services Librarian Brooke Christensen & guest Kathy Ryan. Not present; Annie Braaten. A **Quorum** was established. **A motion (lg) was made and seconded (ee) to approve the agenda. Motion carried.** It was certified that the meeting is in compliance with the open meeting law.

Approval of Minutes: December

A motion was made (gm) and seconded (kh) to approve the Secretary's Reports for November. Motion carried.

Public Comments

None to report at this time.

Friends Report

(See attached); Book sale in January netted \$283. They plan to do Give Big in 2023. The memorial plaques will be done by the end of January & the Love your Library event is going to be on February 4th from 10-12.

Library Director Report

(See attached). There have been some smells in the basement; there has been communication with the city and they are working on the problem, they hope it is a ventilation problem. Heather will be going to Madison to lobby for continued investment in public libraries. There were 3693 checkouts; 122 computer sessions; 937 wireless sessions & 25 new patron registrations for the month of January.

Personnel Report

There is a meeting planned for March.

Financial Report

(See attached) There is a duplicate entry on page 6; it will be fixed and credited on the next month's report. **A motion was made (kh) and seconded (jt) to approve October and November Financial Reports. Motion carried.**

Now Account for Audit

The accounts were reviewed (see attached). **A motion was made (jt) and seconded (gm) to approve the Now Account for Audit. Motion carried.**

Approve Vouchers

The bills were reviewed (see attached). **A motion (ee) was made and seconded (kh) to approve vouchers. Motion carried.**

Discussion/Action Items

1. Love Your Library event:

Love your Library will be held on February 4th from 10-12; there will be 15 presenters; Brooke will have activities for the kids.

2. Possible extension of Friday hours:

The full-time workers have noticed that there are many people that have tried to come into the library on Fridays after closing. There are many people that have mentioned that it would be nice to have the library open longer on Fridays. Possibly flex the hours in the summer & winter depending on traffic.

3. Youth Services Librarian-March schedule:

Brooke and Heather wanted to bring to our attention that during the month of March Brooke will need to flex her hours. Brooke and her husband are going to be opening a coffee shop franchise and will need to attend some online and in person trainings. She has activities planned out and covered but will need to most likely work some after hours times as well.

Next Meeting

The next regular board meeting will be on Monday February 27th at 5:45 pm at the library.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made (kh) and seconded (lg). Motion carried