

Falconer Public Library Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2023

The Falconer Public Library Board meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by Vice President Steve Swanson. Absent was Dr. Patricia Fales and Lisa Conti. Pam Vanstrom joined by conference call. Steve Swanson made the motion to accept the secretary's report, seconded by Brenda Weiler. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Larry Trask reported we are in a good position with our financials in regards to our budget lines.

The State wanted to know in regards to the application we turned in to assist with the new handicapped door entry area reconstruction if we were to go over the funds they provided would the Library have funds to finish paying for this reconstruction. Larry agreed that we would.

The Board thanked Larry for his many, many years of service to the Library as our Village Treasurer.

Motion to accept the Treasurer report made by Brenda Weiler, seconded by Steve Swanson. All in favor.

Old Business:

Band Concerts were discussed and final arrangements need to be made. There will be 2 concerts by Razz's groups. Laurie had been contacted by a Cassadaga Band and a Fredonia Band asking if we would like them to play. However one band is smaller and the other is fairly large (30 to 40 people). It was agreed to check out the smaller group that would be easier for the space and chairs we have. The board also would like Laurie to check on Pat Cook's availability. There was mention that Pat Cook also has a new group she was working with.

Smoke detectors have been installed as of January 16, 2023 by Allied.

Sexual Harassment Training/Conflict of Interest/Ethics Policy Forms have all been completed and copies given to Laurie to place on file.

Book Club has met twice already. They usually meet the 2nd week of the month with approximately 9 attending. The format has changed a little in regards to now each attendee reads their own book they selected and then comes back to the Book Club and reports on their own book in hopes to entice participants to explore multiple authors. It has been very well received.

Overdrive Funding: A motion was made by Pan Vanstrom to increase this amount to \$1,500 after consulting with the Village Treasurer advising the Board if this is an option. Seconded by Steve Swanson. All in favor.

New Business:

Nominating Committee presented the following for officers:

Steve Swanson- President, Pam Vanstrom – Vice President,
Brenda Weiler – Secretary, Lisa Conti – Trustee, Dr. Pat Fales – Trustee.

Pam Vanstrom made a motion to accept the slate of officers and Brenda Weiler, seconded. All in favor.

Steve Swanson took the Oath of Office for President along with Brenda Weiler taking the Oath of Office for Secretary. Dr. Pat Fales will be a Honorarium member of our Falconer Library Board.

Walrod Funds have come to an end in 2023. This was guaranteed income for the Library, receiving \$934.67 a quarter. The Library was very thankful for these funds.

Computers in the Library need to be considered within our budget lines in the next few years. Purchasing computers by bulk are a possible option when the time comes. Laurie reported that our 5 computers were purchased in 2017. Steve Swanson recommended to keep our computers as up-to-date as possible and within the next 2 years we need to start replacing them.

Cummins Grant has been a real uplift to our Library. Having funds available to refresh and refurbish our young adult area has been such a positive move in engaging more young people with our Library. Sandy and Laurie purchased books, chairs and a new rug in addition to rearranging the existing book shelves, chairs and tables to make it a new design. The Board was very appreciative to

the staff for reaching out to get these funds and for all of their hard work to get this area updated. To kick off the opening of this new area will be a St. Patrick's Day Escape Room for middle and high school students on March 17, 2023.

Story Hour has 15 attending. Staff is very happy about this as much work goes into making this time that the children are there as fun and educational as possible. (Many hours spent prior to making this happen by Story Hour Director Ashley Nelson). Steve Swanson noted that when he drove by there were plenty of cars parked at the Library.

Historian had nothing to report at this time. Laurie did state that the Selborne dates have been received for June 2023.

Miscellaneous items to note: Adopt-A-Book has made \$1,134 in donations to the Library and added 59 books to our inventory. February 17, 2023 is the due date for the Annual Library Report. Laurie is currently working on the Anderson Rosch Grant and was asking the Board for input in regards to what we should request. The Board agreed to ask to get new computer chairs and any other upgrades needed to make the computer area easier for cleaning and sanitizing for public use.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. at the Library. Motion made to adjourn the meeting made by Pam Vanstrom, seconded by Steve Swanson. All in favor. Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Weiler, Secretary

