

Falconer Public Library Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2023

The Falconer Public Library Board meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by President, Steve Swanson. Absent was Dr. Patricia Fales. With a correction of removing St. Patrick's Day in regards to the kickoff event held on March 17, 2023, the minutes were accepted with Pam Vanstrom making the motion and Lisa Conti seconded it. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Paula Spunaugle presented a thorough report of Library funds. Paula reported on the NYClass in regards to transferring the Library funds to this account in order to earn a higher return on interest. The Secretary will prepare a statement to be signed by Library Board President and given to the Trustees of the Village to act on. Copy will be placed on file with these minutes.

Old Business:

Band Concerts are all confirmed. One item to note: On each day of a concert performance, by noon or shortly after, the decision will be made and it will be final if the concert will be set up outside at Davis Park or will be set up in the Fire Hall. The decision at this time will remain no matter what the weather decides to do as the day goes on. Concert time is 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.

July 6 – Razz & Friends (Ralph Rasmusson)

July 13 – New Horizons Band from Fredonia (Jim Wilcox)

July 20 – Pearly City Jazz (Ralph Rasmusson)

July 27 – Pat Cook & John Savage – name TBA

Cummins Grant/Young Adult Area/Escape Room was very well received with 26 kids attending, enjoying pizza/chips/pop. Laurie took pictures of the area before and after the rehab. There was a drawing held for a Game Stop gift card and Burger King

Gift Cards were given to the team with the fastest time. Sandy had looked into an escape room activity for the day's activities. Ashley went all in and got the room all set up. A thank you note with photos will be sent to Cummins in appreciation for their generous donation.

The Book Club was happy to take on a project of reading the new young adult books that were ordered and give a book review on them. (This is great inter-generational activity).

Door Construction talks are still in the works. Skip Cavallaro, Village Trustee, wants this project to move forward as soon as possible. The Bullet Aid funds will cover the construction. Consensus of the Board was to move forward with this project. Laurie will get new quotes and will keep the board up to date through emails when she has information to share.

New Business:

Annual Library report was submitted on February 17, 2023 to our local office. They will review it and should there be any corrections or questions to be answered they will reach out to Laurie and then it will move onto the district office. Laurie commended Sandy as she kept such awesome statistics throughout the year, it was a great help in completing the annual report.

Trustee additions to the Library Board was discussed in great length. In our current by-laws it states we have 5 (five) Trustees. In order to make a change to this number it would need to have a 2/3 vote of the board. The officer's votes would be included in this count. Lisa Conti brought up that it would be good to bring the numbers up to 6 (six) members on the Board. Lisa Conti made a motion to amend the bylaws and increase the number to 6 (six) with a 2/3 vote to approve the motion. Current Board Members have been asked to bring in names of individuals they would like to discuss as potential members.

Library visits are continuing to be made as Laurie and Sandy can fit it into their scheduled. Laurie and Sandy were very thankful to the Board for allowing them to close the Library in order to make these visits to other Libraries. They have visited 10 so far and it has been very educational. It's great to see how other locations are set up and to have a chance to visit with the staff.

Anderson Rosch Grant application for funds is submitted in March. The funds are used for the following: Ashley's Story Hour salary, Tim's computer salary, Brenda Cavallaro's salary, Band Concerts and this year we will be adding the request to purchase new computer chairs that can be easily sanitized between uses. Our current chairs are in need of being replaced. Paula Spunaugle will give Laurie the balance of last year's funds on hand so a budget can be drawn up and sent in with the application.

United Arts Appeals Grant application is due April 15, 2023. Our summer children's event will be covered by these funds. Laurie noted that Glen Colton's price has increased. Perhaps this will be the time to look into having something else or someone else as our featured guest. There was mention of checking into The Bubble Guy from Warren. Another suggestion was to have a guest at the 'kick off' event and a special guest at the finale. Lisa made a motion to give this a try, seconded by Pam. All in favor.

Chautauqua Region Community Foundation Grant will be submitted soon. Laurie will be asking for a large screen TV to go along with the movie license she has requested.

Trustee Education upcoming date was noted as April 18th, 2023 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. All Trustees need to get in 2 hours of education a year in regards to serving on the Library Board. The Board President is responsible for who has and who has not taken the training. Steve Swanson, President asked that we as Board Members let he or Laurie know when we have completed our trainings.

Art Displays are very well received with new ones coming in for April and May 2023. The Falconer Central High School will be displaying in April. The Elementary School will display in May with an open house on May 16th, 2023.

Story Hour has had a favorable increase in attendance. It was noted its beginning to feel like the 'olden days' – prior to COVID, with children coming in to the Library and participating. Currently there are 10 three year olds and 6 four year olds.

Historian's Report – no report submitted. Laurie did want to make note of a visit from the Grandson of Ellison Bronze to the Library and how much the Ellison Bronze history section was very special for him to see. This section is part of the Selborne Project that the school does every year. Ellison Bronze also made and gave Lucille Ball a key to the City.

Miscellaneous notes to highlight:

- Telescope Program – Corry Swanson has reached out to several Libraries to see what the possibilities would be to loan out telescopes to library member families. The Program will come with instruction guides.
- Christmas In July – July 29th is the day of the event – there will be no parade this year. Business and other organizations have been asked to decorate their location with the Christmas theme.
- Annual Book Sale for the Library will take place in August this year (2023).

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in the Library.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Pam Vanstrom, seconded by Lisa Conti. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Weiler, Secretary

