

# Falconer Public Library Meeting Minutes

## May 11, 2023

The Falconer Public Library Board meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m. by President, Steve Swanson. Secretary's report was accepted with Lisa Conti making the motion and Pam Vanstrom seconded it. All in favor.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Paula Spunaugle presented a full report with discussion on the finances of the Library. Copy will be placed on file with meeting minutes.

### **Old Business:**

**Door construction** continues to be on the agenda for the Board. Laurie was requested by Skip Cavallaro, Village Trustee, to call back all 3 companies who had provided bids as they hadn't included everything that was requested in their bids. Out of the 3 that were called; one never came in or responded in anyway, another one came in but didn't include the handicap apparatus to open door and another bid came in with everything that was needed. The Board selected Mr. Nate Goot's bid. A motion was made by Pam Vanstrom to use the Bullet Aid money to bridge the construction project. Lisa Conti seconded it. All in favor. Laurie will contact Mr. Goot.

**Funds** transferred to NYClass action has taken place. Interest has already shown this was a good move by the Board.

**Trustee addition** to the Library By-Laws was discussed. The Board feels an additional one to two more people to serve on the board would be very beneficial. The Board will increase to 6 members as previously discussed. Pam Vanstrom made the motion and seconded by Lisa Conti. All in favor. Steve Swanson will reach out to Michelle Buccola.

**Anderson Rosch Grant application** was submitted by Laurie. We are awaiting approval.

**United Arts Appeals Grant** is close to giving the final approval. Laurie has been given an unofficial approval that we have been approved. Some of these funds would help to support the Tattoo event.

**Chautauqua Region Community Foundation Grant** request in the works and will be submitted soon.

**Trustee education** is important for each member to complete their required hours. Steve has completed the Board of Director's training. He has recommended to all Board Members to complete the required continuing education training, it takes about 2 hours. Members are to let Steve know when they had completed by sending him an email.

**Art Display for April** was very well received by the public. A visitor to the Library, who was new to our community, spent a great deal of time viewing it.

### **New Business**

**Library visits** within Chautauqua County have been completed by Laurie and Sandy. They found this time to be very beneficial in having the opportunity to network with other staff at the Libraries and to see how they are set up. They are looking forward to starting the Cattaraugus County visits in the Fall.

**Art Displays for May** by the elementary grades in 3, 4 and 5th were all hung and an open house was held on May 16th. The Library looked phenomenal with all the art displayed.

**Grange visit** is coming up on June 12 at 12: 30 at the Falcon's Nest with Laurie attending along with Pam Vanstrom and/or Steve Swanson. All local libraries are asked to present and update on their libraries to the Grange members.

**Story Hour** finished up on May 3rd. With the generous donations that were received, each child was able to leave with a book. Ashley is already looking into and planning next year's event.

**Summer Reading Program** will be June 26 through July 29th. There will be Air Brush Tattoos along with a book signing by TJ Buck. July 29th Glen Colton will be here performing. The Anderson Rosch funds will help to pay for this event. Author Amy Bedell, from Randolph, will present her children's book at the Library with a reading of it titled, "She Will". The closing special event will be The Bubble Gum Machine on August 3rd.

**Historians' Report** noted that many photos have been uncovered and Brenda is working on new photo displays. She will also be doing the Selborne project, titled "Our Town" with school students on June 6, 7 and 8th. The Library will be doing a scavenger hunt for 6th grade students (June 14, 15 and 16th). This has been very well received in the past.

### **Miscellaneous notes to highlight:**

\* Donation of \$1,000 to the Library from Sue Seamans. The Board signed a note of appreciation while in attendance today.

\*The Board will make a recommendation to the Village to provide an EAD for the Library. Laurie will do some additional research on having an EAD on-site.

Our next Board meeting will be July 27th at 8:00 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted.

Brenda Weiler, Secretary.