

ALLEGANY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
Tuesday February 20th, 2024 - 5:30 PM

1. Roll Call

☐X_ Pitcher ☐X_ Sendlakowski ☐X_ Jones ☐X_ Kalman ☐X_ Elser

(☐X_ Straub)

2. Reading of minutes of last meeting

Minutes were read by Jones. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Sendlakowski, seconded by Kalman.

3. Annual Report

Austin stated that that overall, we are doing well, statistically. Circulation of books is exceptional this past year! Attendance into the library was down about 100 people, and our Summer Reading Program hosted ten less children this past summer. Motion to approve the annual report was made by Kalman, seconded by Sendlakowski.

4. Construction Grant

The deadline for the 2025 Construction Grant ends on March 4th. Austin stated that we should apply for a new air conditioner, possible new air dryers in the restrooms, and other smaller items. The state will provide about 90% to help cover.

5. Data Wiring Project

The Library Systems is suggesting that we participate in this project. E-rate will pay about 85% of this project (which is typically around \$10,000). This will provide is with faster internet services. APL would pay at least 15% (roughly around \$1500). Austin will have further conversations about this project with the Library Systems in the future.

6. Straub Appointment

The Allegany Public Library Board of Trustees recommend, by motion of Erik Jones, seconded by Susan Kalman and approved by all, to appoint Robyn Straub as trustee effective March 18, 2024 until March 31, 2029. Official letter was written/signed by Janie Pitcher (President of the APL Board)

7. Other Business

a. Pitcher had requested a copy of future Board minutes via email after her Straub begins her appointment.

b. Sendlakowski provided updates of finances from Cattaraugus Gives, donations, grants, etc.

c. The Allegany Public Library would like to thank Janie Pitcher for her many years of service to the Board of Trustees. She will be greatly missed!

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Sendlakowski and seconded by Kalman.

Next meeting will be held on Monday, March 18th, @ 5:30pm!