

ALLEGANY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
Monday October 23rd, 2023 - 4 PM

1. Roll Call

☐_X_ Pitcher ☐_X_ Sendlakowski ☐_X_ Jones ☐_X_ Kalman

2. Reading of minutes of last meeting

Minutes were read by Jones. Motioned was made by Kalman, seconded by Sendlakowski.

3. Search for Board Members

a. flexible meeting schedules

-Pitcher/Austin discussed possibly pushing our meeting times to about 4:30/5:00 pm to fulfill the needs of any possible new Board Members. Pitcher and Jones had shared a few possible candidates who have expressed interest in being part of the Board. Pitcher also stated that we need to stress that we need to share that we will have one meeting a month for an hour.

4. Trustee Education

a. Originally, Parker was in charge of keeping track of all of the education (online trainings.) Austin shared that the sexual harassment training can be viewed on YouTube in case any of the members need to watch before the end of the year.

5. Annual Meeting of Library System

a. Sue and Emily attended the annual meeting this year. They found that the Library System has more money, what area libraries have done throughout the past year, and discussed the new trustee education that will be up and coming.

6. Town Board Meeting

a. Last Friday (10/20) Austin was asked to meet with the Town Supervisor (Mike Higgins) to discuss having Austin at the Town's Board Meeting on Tuesday (Oct. 24th) share what events the Library has been done, circulation for the Town, what patrons have been using the library for, etc.

7. Village Board Meeting & carry-over

a. It was suggested that some of the Village Board Members should be invited to the Library to learn about the history of our building, the history of the Allegany Public Library over the years, etc. We also discussed having a Library

Board Member to share about the carry-over. Sendlakowski has been nominated by the Library Board to attend one of the Village Board meetings.

8. Invitation to Local Politicians to see Library

a. Austin spoke with Mike Higgins about marketing the Library in the future where local politicians can attend a tour/discussion at the Library during a late afternoon or evening meeting when the weather improves.

9. Budget

a. Currently, we are still doing well financially. Looking forward to the future, we may have to budget towards the spring. Austin expressed interest in order E-books in the future. Sendlakowski shared that one of our former Board members used to check in with our insurance company. Sendlakowski was wondering if we should check to see if we have sufficient coverage.

10. Marketing & Fundraising

a. Even though that the Library has a bit of partnerships around our local area, it was discussed with Higgins that the Allegany Public Library should be “getting our name out there.” It was suggested that Austin should reach out to the Greater Olean Chamber of Commerce. Also, it was suggested that Austin posts more updates on the Library’s Facebook page. For fundraising, Austin expressed that we should be forming ideas in the future.

11. Other Business

a. Austin shared a “Thank You” note from the 6th Grade Class @ Allegany-Limestone. The class visited the St. Bonaventure Library, Olean Public Library, and Allegany Public Library.

b. The Board discussed possibly celebrating our former Board President (Bob Parker) by giving him a gift certificate inside of a “Thank You” card.

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Kalman and seconded by Sendlakowski. Motion passed. Our next Library Board meeting will be on Monday, November 13th @ 4pm.