



ALFRED BOX OF BOOKS LIBRARY

BOARD MEETING Monday, February 10, 4pm

Present: Allison Snyder, President; Lana Meissner, Vice-president; Lesley Brill, Treasurer; Megan Parry, secretary; Pat Crandall, Martha Lash, Maria Rhone, Debbie Stephens.

Also present: Melanie Miller, Library Director.

President Allison Snyder called the meeting to order at 4:01pm.

Minutes, December 2019: Lesley Brill moved to approve, Lana Meissner seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Les: nothing notable. At the end of January the BoB had 109k in its Community checking account. Les did not get a statement for the building fund account, so he will check with Bookkeeper Lori about that. He suggests investing some of this money, perhaps 80k, in a bond fund, which would earn around 1%. Les will confer with Brian Hildreth see if he has information regarding this type of investment program. Allison moved to approve the treasurer's report; Martha Lash seconded. Report approved.

Director's Report: The publishing company Macmillan now offers an entire library system only one copy of an ebook at a time; in response, some libraries are boycotting the company. The STLS must consider keeping/dropping their ebooks and/or print copies. Melanie favors dropping ebooks and keeping print editions, but the STLS will make a collective decision about this. Les asked Melanie to look into finding an outside (non-Macmillan) source for ebooks.

The Allegany County legislature will disburse 108k to assist in the 2020 census; they will allot 85k for libraries, and will advertise to encourage people to get help with their forms at their local library. The BoB could receive 6 to 10k if we make an application by Friday, 2/14. The four libraries of Alfred might collaborate to help students fill out census forms in

a public area on campus - with free Ramen as an incentive. Melanie and Rima will provide training for existing BoB employees to assist with the Census.

Melanie obtained a \$750 grant from Humanities New York to focus on the centennial women's suffrage celebration; and another \$500 from the same source for a Susan B Anthony re-enactor.

Melanie is preparing the Annual Report, due 2/14.

The Canon printer is in action, finally.

Old Business:

The BoB will solicit ideas regarding its future plans from the Alfred community at a meeting in April, perhaps Tuesday April 21 from 7 to 9pm, at the Parish House.

Les will send board members an edited version of a letter he composed inviting community members to attend as participants in the meeting. If approved, the letter would go out a month in advance of the meeting. Someone will talk to David Snyder about covering the proceedings for the Alfred Sun. The board discussed sending letters to the editor and advertising in the Sun and elsewhere.

New Business:

Election of officers, and board members whose terms had ended. Allison moved to approve all nominations and Martha seconded.

The results:

Allison Snyder was re-elected President; Lana Meissner re-elected Vice-president (with new term ending December 2024;) Lesley Brill re-elected Treasurer; Megan Parry re-elected Secretary (with new term ending December 2024.)

Trustee Maria Rhone was re-elected to a new term ending February 2025.

Adjournment: 5:05pm

Respectfully submitted, Megan Parry, Secretary

Next meeting: March 9, 2020, 4pm.