



ALFRED BOX OF BOOKS

AGENDA BOARD MEETING Monday, May 10th, 2022 4:00 PM (In Person)

1. Approval of Minutes: April 5th, 2022
2. Treasurer's Report: April 2022
3. Director's Report: April 2022
- 4 New Business:
 - New Secretary
 - Building
 - New Board Member
5. Other
6. Next meeting (Tuesday, June 7th or 14th at 4:00 pm)
7. Adjournment



April 2022 Director's Report

Meetings Attended:

- April 5- Director's Advisory Council Bylaws Committee
- April 7- Peterson's Test Prep Training
- April 7- DAC Cost Share Ad-hoc Committee

Activities/ FYI:

- Re-opened for full hours. We're now open until 6pm Monday-Thursday; 5pm on Friday.
- Alfred University student shadowed at the library
- Niche academy had 33 new uses
- Held a successful Easter Egg hunt in conjunction with Almond 20th Century Club Library. Birds of Prey program was less successful as Tanglewood Nature Center never arrived! Melanie & Mary Jo will work on rescheduling this.
- Summer reading plans are complete.
 - Arts Council of Wyoming County accepted a proposal to modify the grant award we had received. Melanie will create art project to fit with the summer reading theme and the addition of art books to the collection.
- Seed library had been restocked with generous donations from the Hudson Valley Seed Company as well as #plantwildflowers organization.
- Storytime in person began in April. This has been very successful! We are focusing on a letter of the week. All of the themes and activities are available online via Niche Academy for people to follow along.
- Newsletter is at printer.
- Tax levy information is available online and in the library.
- Thank you to all who participated in Hot Dog Day!

Programming Report

- True Crime Book Club- 9A
- Grow Your Own Gardening- 2A
- Birds of Prey- 0
- Easter Egg Hunt- 50+
- Grow Your Own- 2A
- Kids Classics Book Club- 3C 2A (in-person) 1A 1C (virtual)

- Storytime- 4/6- 10c; 3A
4/13- 1c; 1A
4/20- 5c; 3A
4/27- 3c; 2A

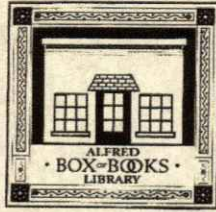
**Technology Report
Statistics-**

	2022	2021
Circulation	1120	
Holds Received	285	
Holds Filled	208	
Users Added	1	
Items Added	85	
eBooks	108	
Audiobooks	114	
ILL	3	
Magazines	17	

Goals for May

- Contact Community Bank- get proposal to the right person
- Re-launch 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
- Storytimes with Montessori & Lovin' Arms Daycare

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie A. Miller



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BOARD MEETING

**Tuesday, May 10, 2022
4:00 PM**

Present, in person: Allison Snyder, President; Deb Stephens, Vice-President; Pat Crandall, Megan Parry.

Present, via Zoom: Lesley Brill, Treasurer; Sam Frechette, Mechele Romanchock.

Also present: Melanie Miller, Library Director.

Absent: Amy Powers.

1. **Approval of Minutes** of April 12, 2022: Megan moved to approve the April Minutes, Pat seconded, and the Minutes were approved.

2. **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Les Brill reported 65k in our checking account, and was a bit concerned that we might be spending beyond our means. However, we're also owed \$14k from the school district for the 2022 tax levy. He and Melanie will meet to go over the budget and its recent history. Bookkeeper Lori's latest submission showed inaccurate charges, further complicating matters. At this point, Les's Zoom connection became untenable and he left the meeting. Pat moved to approve the treasurer's report, Deb seconded, and the report was approved.

3. **Director's Report:**

The Easter Egg Hunt held jointly by the Alfred BoB and the Almond 20th Century Club Library went well, but the Tanglewood Nature Center did not show up for their Birds of Prey program. Melanie will try to reschedule.

The Arts Council of Wyoming County accepted and approved a proposal to modify a grant; Melanie will create an art project to fit with the summer reading theme and the addition of art books to the collection.

The Foundation of the Southern Tier Library System approved a grant to supplement the Large Print Collection.

Melanie finished the BoB Newsletter and it has gone out to Alfred residents.

Melanie thanked those who participated in a somewhat challenging Hot Dog Day.

4. **New Business:**

On Monday, May 9th, Melanie, Allison, Deb, Pat (and Steve Crandall,) Mechele, and Megan visited the former Steuben Bank on Route 244 for a look-see, and today shared impressions. Melanie and Allison expressed shock at the deterioration the building has suffered since their visit about 6 months ago. Pat suggested an engineer's appraisal; STLS apparently supplies that service. Some questions: Would New York State pay for inspection? New roof estimate - 60K? Should we scrape and build a new building? Would the building fund cover demolition? Brian Hildreth has advised: if you only want the lot, get the owner to tear down the building. In spite of the evident problems, some were inspired by the visit, feeling that the spaces offered would suit library use nicely.

Maria Rhone, wonderful secretary and esteemed board member, is moving away and can no longer serve on the board. Pat nominated Megan to be the new secretary, Allison seconded, and the appointment was approved.

Melanie suggested a possible Board replacement for Maria. Members responded enthusiastically, so Melanie will approach this candidate. Meanwhile, other ideas are welcome.

5. Allison adjourned the meeting at 4:45.

The June meeting will be held on the 14th at 4pm. Participants may join via Zoom or in person at the 7th Day Baptist Parish House.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Parry, secretary