

ALFRED BOX OF BOOKS

AGENDA BOARD MEETING Tuesday, May 16th, 2023 4:00 PM (Parish House)

1. Approval of Minutes: April 11th, 2023
2. Treasurer's Report: April 2023
3. Director's Report: April 2023
4. Old Business
 - a. Library updates from the 2023 Great Sewage Crisis
5. Other:
6. . Next meeting (Tuesday June 13th, 4pm – Parish House)
7. Adjournment



April 2023
Director's Report

Meetings Attended:

- 4/4-Claims returned meeting- how to document in WF when a patron says they've returned something, but we do not have it
- 4/5- participated in the EDISJ (Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Social Justice) panel discussion
- 4/17- phone meeting with Pat B. STLS to set up WF on laptop
- 4/11, 13, 28- Meetings with Jamie Babcock to discuss repairs to building and project planning

Activities/ FYI:

- We were notified we'd been selected to participate in Free Comic Book Day (5/6), and would receive free comic books to distribute.
- We received a letter from Alfred Oaks Solar Project that they had filed an application to begin the project. This project is a PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) in which the Town and Village of Alfred, and Alfred-Almond Central School would receive payments for a determined number of years. Libraries are eligible to receive PILOTs too. Brian Hildreth advised that I reach out to Craig Clark with the Allegany County IDA to find out if we could be a part of this project, and if not, if he could let us know of any future projects.
- Library Director and trustees participated in Hot Dog Day!
- Annual report newsletter was received from Alfred State Print Mail services. Newsletters were delivered to the post offices on Friday, April 28.
- Brian Hildreth suggested we start a donation page that community members might donate to, as we are uncertain of how much insurance will cover, our insurance deductible and other costs associated with the sewage leak. I reached out to Tina Dalton, director of the Cuba Circulating Library, who underwent a similar process last year when their basement flooded. She used Facebook fundraiser tools rather than GoFundMe. When comparing the two, Facebook took a smaller percentage of donations. They also pay directly to PayPal. So I was able to set up a PayPal account for the library, and receive charity status, so that decreases the percentage from Facebook from 6% to 1.8%.
 - To date we have received \$3,105 from Facebook donations (57 donors) and \$1,870 in checks.
- Please see attached "Sewer Leak Timeline" for full detail of all activities
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rvAfD2o5uXpnI3DX48iE06bB7divXpYe_wwy_A_ATu0/edit?usp=sharing

Programming Report

- Storytime: canceled
- Take and Make: DIY Rainbow Hanger- 34 kits
- Visible Mending Workshop: Canceled
- Grow Your Own- 1A
- Mushroom Class: 14A; 8Ks
- Rug Hooking PVC Frame: 9A

Statistics-

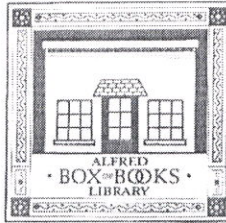
	2023	2022
Circulation	830	
Holds Received	285	
Holds Filled	189	
Users Added	2	
Items Added	50	
eBooks	85	
Audiobooks	92	
ILL	0	
Magazines		

*Digital circulation + from OWWL (Pioneer Library System) +OFLLS (Finger Lakes Library System) *Data not received at time of report

Goals for May

- Summer Reading Planning

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie A. Miller



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BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 4:00 PM

In Attendance: Allison Snyder, President; Deb Stephens, Vice-President; Megan Parry, Secretary; Sam Frechette, Kim MacCrae, Carlyn Yanda. On Zoom: Mechele Romanchock
Excused Absence: Pat Crandall, Treasurer; Amy Powers.

Also present: Melanie Miller, Library Director.

1. Approval of Minutes, April 11, 2023: Allison Snyder moved to approve, Debbie Stephens seconded, and the Minutes were approved.
2. Treasurer's Report: Tabled until Pat Crandall can meet with Allison and Melanie Miller to go over the many unusual expenditures resulting from the recent Sewer Event.
3. Director's Report: The Library received a slew of grants. (A): Jackie Wilson fetched \$1000 from the Foundation for Southern Tier Libraries to fund a Fiber Arts Lending Library. (B): Melanie received \$1500 from Dollar General for the Summer Reading Program. (C): The Library's Summer Concert Series, funded by a large grant from the Arts Council for Wyoming County, will take place outdoors from 5 to 7pm on Mondays, with one from 6 to 8pm. The Terra Cotta will cater (set up a food tent.) (D): Melanie has applied for more funding, also from the ACWC, to present a Fiber Workshop with a visiting artist.
4. Sewer Event: Emergency fundraising on FaceBook brought in \$3205, and contributions from the community added another \$2440. Some of this money will replace two dedicated

shelving units (\$1100) and a changing table for the bathroom (\$150.) When additional purchases approach or total the above contributions, the Alfred Sun will publish a Thank You Letter from Melanie and the Board, along with an accounting of the expenditures. The Library is very grateful for the financial help it has received.

5. The Board discussed some future fundraising ideas, perhaps to be implemented in December.
6. Allison adjourned the meeting at 4:34pm, and Board members traipsed over to the Library to admire the new carpet and paint job.
7. Next meeting: June 13, at 4pm in the SDB Parish House

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Parry, Secretary