

Board of Trustees meeting on September 18, 2023

Present: Kris Ely, Stephen Spero, Eileen Baessler, Ann Reed, Dawn Augenti, Kathy Matis, Craig Benson, Angie Zick, Joann Reimel, Angie Hall, Fred Cicilioni, Cathy Harter, Brian Lione, George Conner, Chris Caterson, William Squier

Absent: Vicky Calby, Jim O'Pecko

Call to Order: Steve Spero called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM and welcomed all guests to the meeting. This meeting was held at the Hallstead Branch.

Steve Spero welcomed our new board member: William Squier and asked that he say a few words about himself and then asked all board members to introduce themselves and say a few words also.

William Squier said he lives in the Montrose area and worked at Elk Lake School Technology Center for 21 years. He is still actively coaching in sports. Likes to stay involved in the community.

A Motion was made to approve August Minutes with the time to be corrected to 5:15 for adjournment.

In Favor: 1. Brian Lione  
2. Ann Reed

Steve Spero opened the meeting to public comment. The issue to be discussed is a revision to the library's Circulation and Privacy policy. Public comment was to be 3 minutes in length.

1. Ron Parsons: read an article from the transcript that Kris Ely had sent in and disputed written stuff in it.
2. Ed Arzonian: read the same article from the transcript that Kris has sent in disputing some line items written.
3. Nicholle Ferrell: spoke about parents point of view on circulation of books, not watching what is being taken could affect the child mentally, physically.
4. Matthew Tim: (Susq-no card) also spoke about transcript and spoke about the ALA. The statements in transcript is false per him.
5. Holly Haskel: yields a little of her time to Matthew (above) Time left for her: 2:15  
She passed a picture of a book that is in E-Books that was of Inappropriate material of a book that is the libraries.

6. Katie Parsons: discussed under-aged minors and how often does one come in without a parent.
7. Kenneth Clark: does not agree with policy censorship
8. Ireland Rudolph: (14 years old) spoke on book circulation and parents need to watch what is being read.
9. Jerry Gere: was supportive on updated privacy standards, need a free open resource in the community and spoke on Steve Spero's statement letter and saying it explained everything and approved
10. Valerie Sinese: said she has a representative looking at the library laws for confidentiality and circulation policies
11. Bob Shoemaker: (no card) spoke about library programs and to trust in the librarians to teach
12. Louise: spoke about Privacy/ Parent rights
13. Jessica Hughes Rosencrans: loves the library. All the children have library cards but has questions on Parents rights with the age when taking out books.
14. Ed Arzonian: read on library policies from the ALA.
15. Sam Fattice: talked about ALA and the gender of the president and her opinion of libraries... He also said to put all cards in Parents names and there would be no issues of what children are reading.
16. Christie Bayle; discussed the permission aspect of the library cards

Total audience: Said- "Do Not Make Bad Policy"

Kris Ely spoke about all the questions that came up from public comment, giving answers to all the guests concerning privacy policy and circulation policy.

#### Time to Vote on the 2 Policies: Privacy & Circulation

A motion was made to accept the new Privacy policy as presented

In Favor: Steve Spero, Chris Caterson, George Conner, Eileen Bassler, Ann Reed  
Kathy Matis, Cathy Harter, Joann Reimel, Fred Cicilioni, Brian Lione,  
Craig Benson, Dawn Augenti

Opposed: Angela Zick, William Squier

A motion was made to accept the new Circulation policy as presented with the amendments that Brian Lione was updating as we were stating them.

Refer to: updated circulation policy from Brian Lione

In Favor: Steve Spero, Chris Caterson, George Conner, Eileen Bassler, Ann Reed  
Kathy Matis, Cathy Harter, Joann Reimel, Fred Cicilioni, Brian Lione,  
Craig Benson, Dawn Augenti

Opposed: William Squier

Abstained: Angela Zick

Note: all board members were allowed to speak and ask questions on both policies.

A Motion was made to approve Written Reports

In favor:

1. Ann Reed
2. George Conner

Angela Hall chose not to speak per her lawyer request.

Kathy Matis spoke about finances and the Lottery:

Said that Lottery went well and the venue was nice.

Sold 556 tickets (55,600)

Payout for Winners: \$ 33,263.00

Dinners- 375 at \$25.00 each with a cost of \$ 9,375.00

We want to Thank George Conner for covering the dinner cost.

We had fire pit raffles and 50/50 raffles which yielded \$ 725.00

Kris Ely gave an update on the transition to T&S:

Payroll is all switched over. There was a couple hiccups but worked through them.

Next step is setting up the reports. This will allow the library to do in-house data management.

Forest City Update:

- Painting is expected to begin this week
- Found bookshelves at George Conner's shop that might work
- Flooring, we will need to get bids

Motion to adjourn at 5:35.

1. Chris Caterson
2. George Conner

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM.

Note: the board went into executive session following the board meeting.  
Brian Lione said he would take notes.

The next meeting is in Forest City on October 16<sup>th</sup>. at 4:00 PM.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James A. O'Beck".

