

Board of Trustees meeting on October 16, 2023

Present: Kris Ely, Stephen Spero, Jim O'Pecko, Eileen Baessler, Ann Reed, Dawn Augenti, Kathy Matis, Vicky Calby, Craig Benson, Angie Zick, Joann Reimel, Fred Cicilioni, Cathy Harter, George Conner, Chris Caterson, William Squier

Absent: Brian Lione

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

A motion was made to approve the September 2023 minutes. The motion was approved.

A motion was made to approve the written reports. The motion was approved.

Lauren Canfield, Forest City Librarian, gave her report on the Forest City Branch Library. She spoke about the various programs that she had done throughout the year, including holiday events and the Summer Reading Program. The summer reading program logged 23,896 minutes according to Bean Stack.

The Forest City Author's Luncheon on October 11th was a success, and 75 tickets were purchased. The estimated profit is \$1,185.

Also, Lauren is looking to hire a new library assistant.

Kathy Matis discussed finances. She reported that she is in the process of changing accounting firms and should be complete and ready for the new year, January 2024.

The 2023 lottery netted \$21,000.

A motion was made to approve \$659 for insurance coverage relating to cyber security. The motion passed.

The money owed to Pratt Library was funded by the county commissioners and the library needs to refund the county. motion was made for the library to allow the county to be repaid by reducing the library tax receipts for 2024 by \$31,124. The motion passed.

In the future the county will fund the Pratt Library.

The Susquehanna County Historical Society and Free Library Association will provide a grant of \$250 to the Forest City Historical Society for items borrowed from FCHS.

A revised art policy will be on the November agenda. The library is establishing a new policy procedure which will require two months for a policy to be presented for approval.

During the annual meeting in November, the nominating committee will present a slate of directors for approval by the membership. There will be four current board members presented for new two-year terms and there will be three members leaving. This will require three new board members to be presented, these are the following: Peg Miller, Lorraine Chidester and Rob Vermette. A motion was made to place these candidates for approval. The motion passed.

There were requests for a paper ballot (under review) and to have a description available for each of the candidates.

Members (people that have donated to the support drive and/or the historical) will be allowed to vote. Donations for this year will be accepted until November 9th of this year

The by-laws relating to the end date for the support drive need to be updated in 2024.

The meeting was opened to public comment, most of the comments related to parental rights regarding access to their minor children's reading list.

Motion to adjourn at 4:57.

The next meeting is in Montrose on November 20th at 4:00 PM. The annual meeting will start at 3:00 PM.

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

James A. O'Pecko - Recording Secretary

