

Talcott Free Library Board Meeting
Monday, June 17, 2024

Members Present: A. Floto, L. Floto, D. Garlow, R. Geddeis, G. Kovanda, A. Ragaller, Director M. Gove
Absent: T. Garlow
Members of the Public: 11

President Kovanda called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

All rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Public Comment: 1

Secretary's Report: A. Floto moved, and Geddeis seconded, to approve the minutes of the May meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: L. Floto moved, and Ragaller seconded, to approve this report. Unanimous approval.

Librarian's Report: Ragaller moved, and D. Garlow seconded, to approve the report and payment of bills due. Approval was unanimous. Director's Updates: 1) Staff reported a domestic dispute that started outside the building and moved inside. Police arrived to take statements and separate the two persons. 2) A wireless phone is broken, and since the current technology is outdated, the entire system must be replaced at an estimated cost of \$2,000. 3) Quotes are being collected for tuckpointing the original building and 113 E. Main. 4) Director Gove was elected Vice Chair of the Prairie Cat Administrative Council for FY25, and will become the Chair in FY26. 5) Pride Month displays have been well received with no complaints. 6) A volunteer has planted flowers and added mulch around the building. 7) Paperwork arrived for the Chemtool explosion class lawsuit. The issue will be on next month's agenda. 8) The Director attended six online classes/seminars on diverse topics, and attended a network directors meeting in person.

Building and Grounds Report: A roof cap on the 113 E. Main property was replaced.

Unfinished Business: 1) Ragaller moved, and Kovanda seconded, to go into closed session to discuss staff compensation. Unanimous approval. Geddeis moved, and D. Garlow seconded, to end closed session and return to open meeting. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote. On returning to regular session, the board took no action. The matter will be on next month's agenda. 2) The proposed budget for FY2025 was discussed. A. Floto moved, and Geddeis seconded, to approve the proposed budget. Motion passed unanimously. 3) There are no policy revisions currently ready for consideration. President Kovanda thanked Geddeis for his work on reviewing policies.

New Business: 1) Kovanda moved, and L. Floto seconded, to approve the calendar and list of closed dates for FY2025. It was noted that Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a federal holiday, but Talcott does not close that day. Kovanda moved, and L. Floto seconded, to approve the calendar. Motion passed unanimously. 2) Geddeis moved, and A. Floto seconded, to approve the method for calculating the cost of non-resident library cards, the same tax bill method that has previously been used. Approved unanimously.

Ragaller moved, and D. Garlow seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved unanimously. Adjournment at 7:36 p.m.

Submitted by: L. Floto, Secretary