

**Ridgway Public Library**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**April 16, 2025**

**Attendance**

Present: Jane Bryndel, Suzanne Wolfe, Jessica Pontious, Steven Brazinski, Veronica Joiner, Bea Terbovich, Steve Cleveland and Jessica Wonderly, Director.

The meeting was opened by President Steven Brazinski.

**Minutes:** The March minutes were approved as written.

**Director's Report:**

- Storywalk was vandalized - acrylic was smashed on 2 posts. \$140 total to repair
  - Social media post and police contacted
  - Consider putting note into newspaper
- Storywalk almost done - just waiting to change final 4 exhibits
- Family Story Time - World Down Syndrome Day
- Girl Scout Troop earned library badge
- Soldiers of the Forest book reading
  - Jake Mercer from Record documented that
- Met with Fritz Lecker to discuss Social Worker
  - Hard to pin down the money since it has to be directly tied to opioid use
  - Not impossible, but has to be able to prove we are serving those affected by opioid use
  - Considering creating brochure for those that are transient and come through the Library
- Penn State Extension Master Gardeners gave us seeds to start Library
  - Jake Mercer to get in touch with Amanda from Big Maple Farms
- Flower Bar is doing downtown Window Display Contest
  - Winner donates nonprofit - Notary chose the Library if they win
- St. Leo's students wrote a book about nature and they will attach it to the Storywalk
- Scouts & Stouts is on April 17<sup>th</sup> - 22 people signed up
- April 26<sup>th</sup> – next Family Story Time at Chainsaw Carving Rendezvous
- Yoga on the Lawn starting in June – water bottles to be given out to first 70 attendees
- Flower Arrangement Program on May 2<sup>nd</sup> for Teens – program is full
- Borough is working with ECCOTTA to paint sidewalks – looking to the Library attendees for ideas
- Woman interested in hosting weekly journaling group starting in June
- CEC holding activity at Storywalk on May 18<sup>th</sup>
- Hitting some difficulty with PHEAA
  - Not seeing RPL as job option

Jane made motion to approve Director's report. Suzanne seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Did move money over the last month to NextTier
  - Steve C. / Jess W. to access online login
  - \$100,200 total that is getting 5%
- Renovation account:
  - Received roof deposit: \$38K
  - Crest: \$13K
  - Concrete: \$9K
  - Windows from Brent: \$5K
  - Pledges: \$10K
- Budget:
  - We're pacing \$4K ahead of where we were this time last year
    - Labor is where we are supposed to be
    - But electricity surcharge will occur starting in June/July
  - All projects planned for will be funded
    - Kaleidoscope
    - Roof
    - Side porch
    - Third floor
    - Some of basement update

Ronni made motion to approve. Suzanne seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Building Committee:**

- Roof contract was signed and the shingles were picked
- Nancy should be starting on the crest pattern soon
- The books are emptied from the basement. The next step is the removal of broken furniture during the borough's clean out week (beginning 4/21)
- Jim Fabiano able to water the flowers in the garden again this summer - starting after Memorial Day

#### **Finance Committee:**

- Nationwide Insurance – is it worth it to shop around?
  - Steve B. reached out to Erie Insurance - waiting to hear back
- Consider looking into wireless smoke detector system
  - Ask Commissioners to pay for something like this

#### **Grants:**

- Windows:
  - Brent Beuhler sent us a check for \$5k which we're going to put towards the windows. \$12,145 to go.
- Jess submitted a grant proposal to the Harrison & Muriel Dauer Stackpole Family Fund at ECCF for the rest. This grant cycle closed on 4/15 and it's a 4-6 week turnaround for funding, so we should know soon enough.

- If we don't get the full amount, I will write a general letter and send it to Tiffany Boschert to shop around to some people at ECCF with donor funds that might be open to helping.
- Palumbo (Roof) has awarded us \$38k for the new roof. We received and deposited the check on 4/9.
- AED funding from the commissioners, ACT 13 was approved for \$2k.

#### **Fundraising:**

- Katie Thompson had a painting/project/fundraiser on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. It made \$240.
- Moose Steak Fry was April 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Very successful – made over \$3,000
- The Friends Campaign letters were sent on 4/11. This year the Corporate Campaign was folded in as well. There was a total of 135 that went out.
  - We also decided to attach a PayPal link to our social media post.
  - As of Tuesday, we've gotten 11 donations totaling \$1,705 dollars (two of those had never donated before & paid through the PayPal link).
- Linda & Norbert gave their \$1000 pledge (2/5) (TYS 4/14)
- Suzanne got us a \$500 sponsorship for the Concerts on the Lawn series from Dynamo Freight. (Haven't deposited yet, will send a TY then)

#### **New Business:**

- Stackpole Lunch on Friday August 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - 15 people and will like to have Library Board and Staff
  - Would like to have tables and chairs setup; some attendees will not be able to get upstairs
  - 30 attendees at most
  - Zack/Elliot Pontious to be contacted for catering
- Steve B. to follow up with head of Theresa Heinz Foundation

Next Board meeting on May 21, 2025 at 7pm

Motion to adjourn: Bea. Seconded by Jane. Unanimous.