

Ridgway Public Library
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2025

Attendance

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

Excused: Steve Cleveland

The meeting was opened by President Steven Brazinski.

Minutes: The April minutes were approved as written.

Director's Report:

- Patron count has doubled over the last 3 years!
- Working with ECCOTA and the Borough for Crosswalk art
- Children's Programming:
 - 54 people attended Family Story time at Rendezvous
 - Make your Prom Flowers well attended
 - No programming until Summer Reading Program starts
 - Already 144 people have signed up
 - Need 6 Pirates Tickets (3 sets of 2) for any game after August 9th
 - Zack Pontious gave 2 strips of Carnival Tickets
 - Science Center gave 2 tickets
 - Apollo Theater gave 2 tickets
- Adult Programming
 - Scouts & Stouts: Very well received and attended!
 - Green Thumb Club started
 - Book Clubs had last meeting – new season starts in September
 - Carlson IT sponsoring Stop Motion Animation program
 - Soft Launched Adirondack Chair Fundraiser
 - 5 already purchased
 - YMCA will be bringing 20 kids on Mondays during the summer
 - June 26th – next Library after Dark – Camp Coutierre
 - Hair Braiding Tutorial - already full
 - May do it again in the fall
 - Yoga on the Lawn begins June 16th
 - Women's Journaling Group beginning June 3rd

Veronica made motion to approve Director's report. Bea seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- Steve C. requested to see the Visa bill and payment for Warren Library for catalog system
- Renovation account currently high because we have funds for roof, concrete & flowers set aside
- Friends Campaign so far is \$10,916 – goal is \$12,000

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

Building Committee:

- Carl got the awning put up and staff put the furniture back on the porch.
- A truck full of broken stuff/garbage was removed from the attic/enclosed porch/basement. Still more to go.
- The roof will be started on soon. The library will be closed while the old shingles are removed.
- Still waiting to hear back from Steger Masonry about pouring the patio.
 - Heard from Charlie - Brandon is going to get started on it
- Nancy Tomaski hasn't started yet, but should be finished with murals by the Stackpole meeting on August 22
 - Planned to be starting Mid-June. Has to be finished by August 1st so there is time for Carl to lay carpet
- Radiator still has to put up 1 radiator on third floor
- Carl to mow again this summer

Finance Committee:

- The borough has sent our Quarter 2 funding \$4,003.40
- We were approved for our 25-26 E-rate funding. This covers 90% of \$70 a month for our internet

Administrative:

- Working on getting 2 PHEAA workers for the summer. Jess W. had access issues until last week.
 - Suzanne/Jess tried before the meeting - we may have 1 this year
- Jessica W. can't do July 16th for the board meeting.
 - Wednesday July 23rd instead
- Jess W. doing a training session for archives and record storage
 - Board to reimburse

Grants:

- Windows:
 - Jess W. 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.
 - Jess W. to call and follow up

Fundraising:

- Moose Steak Fry check deposited - \$3,186

- June 19th is our first of three Concerts in the Garden
- The Friends Campaign totals thus far:
 - \$10,916 (Goal of \$12,000)

Old Business:

- Garden kaleidoscope has arrived. We paid for a 2-kaleidoscope planter, but he looked at our website and threw in a 3rd kaleidoscope, valued at \$2400, for free because he thought it would suit our needs better.
- Carl had it delivered to his shop so to be stored until we're ready for installation.
- Insurance has been switched over to Erie Insurance as of 4/25.
 - ~\$500 in savings and more coverage
- New Business:
 - Discussing replacement for Ronni on the Board

Next Board meeting on Monday June 16, 2025 at 7pm

- At next Board Meeting, review terms

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