

Ridgway Public Library
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2025

Attendance

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

Excused: Bea Terbovich, Steve Cleveland

The meeting was opened by President Steven Brazinski.

Minutes: The February minutes were approved as written.

Director's Report:

- IT has been transferred to Carlson IT
- Lots of illnesses this last month – had cancellations of some programs
- Executive Order signed – will be losing ~\$10K of funding for 2026
 - EEAT Services, Auto Repair database, Transparent Language, My Heritage, Kanopy federally funded
 - Play & Grow
 - Free Training (educational hours)
- eRate arguments being heard at the end of March 19, 2025
- Children's Programming:
 - Promoting 1000 Books Before Kindergarten more - it invigorated a lot of patrons
 - Fly Tying Classes were a success
- Elk County Library Directors meeting with Fritz Lecker to discuss social worker position
- Master Gardners reached out to Library about starting a seed library
 - Will create press release; waiting on them to drop off materials and seeds
- LEC stopped by to tour the building and heard about the renovations
- Future Programming:
 - Family Story Time: This Saturday to celebrate World Down Syndrome
 - Will be at Chainsaw Carving Rendezvous to do a Story Time
 - Scouts & Stouts – finalizing details with Paula
 - August 23rd Stackpole Hall event with the Board
 - Working on getting next Story Walk in place
 - Denise Peterson from Bradford will be coming in April 7th and do a book talk

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

Treasurer's Report:

- The new money market at NextTier bank account has been set up
- In Farmers, we have \$17K
- For budget report, add Difference column to more easily review

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

Building Committee:

- Insulation done
- Nancy Tomaski has been told to begin the wall/ceiling painting. She's currently on vacation
- Carpet tiles have been ordered, Carl will wait until Nancy is done to install
- The basement books and broken furniture are almost out.
- Garbage from attic and broken furniture from the basement will be removed from the building.
- Lattice being fixed
- Basement currently being cleaned out – Carl will haul remaining items away

Administrative:

- Annual report has been submitted.
- 2024 paperwork has been given to the accountants.

Grants:

- Window Replacement:
 - Jess sent Brent a request (via ECCF) for this + Summer concert money + insulation money
 - Palumbo (Roof) has committee meetings in February, we'll know by 3/31 whether we got the funding or not.
 - Jess submitted a request for funding for an AED from the commissioners, ACT 13 on February 28. The Stackpole Hall grant for the \$13k Hall family crest murals was accepted.
- READY Nonprofits – Jess W. submitted an application for a 20 hour/7 week training for Jess W. and Tia that we would then be able to apply for a grant to help with capacity-building projects. We find out if we get into the program by 4/28.
- Jess W. submitted a request to AEDGrant.com for funding for an AED. It's a short turnaround for a pronouncement. So if it's denied, Jess W. will apply for ACT 13.
- Backup for ACT 13 grant is the IT costs \$3700.

Fundraising:

- Cinch Tournament was on 3/2. After sponsorship from Horizon Wood, we made \$970
- Katie Thompson had a Paint and Sip fundraiser planned for 3/16, but had to postpone due to illness. It will now be on the 23rd . It will hold up to 16 people @ \$20pp.
- Moose Steak Fry is April 12th .

Old Business:

New Business:

Next Board meeting on April 16, 2025 at 7pm

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