

**Amery Public Library Board of Trustees  
February 17, 2020**

Wendy Dietrich called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Also present were Jennifer Tyman, Betty Tomasek, Sarah Flanum, Greta McCarty and Director Amy Stormberg. Not present Kyrsten Huges and Jen Lee. Ashley Long and Kathy Ryan were also present as guests. A **Quorum** was established. The **motion (sf) to approve the agenda and was seconded (bt) and approved.** It was certified that the meeting was in compliance with the open meeting law.

**Public Comments**

Kathy feels the move doesn't make sense and looking good isn't always what it is about. There is a parking problem and a problem with the handicapped accessibility. There are 6 sump-pumps in the basement that hold concern. How are we going to just let go of all the families that have donated money to the library? She quoted Tim Strohmusch in saying "We need to come up with a plan." She feels our library as it is right now is a beautiful library and we need to keep this building. Amy stated in a gallop poll "going to the library in 2019 was the number one cultural activity in the United States."

**Friends Report**

Ashley reported that the "Love Your Library" event was such a success that they are considering another one for the summer. They raised two-thirds of the money they use to buy large print books with at this event. They will continue to accept donations and will continue to have bag sales (March will be \$3 bags, April & May \$2 bags, June & July will be \$1 bags). She also shared with the board a timeline that she put together with minutes from the hospital, and the city council meetings, with her concerns and questions highlighted in yellow, these notes go back as far as 2018.

**Approval of Minutes: January**

The January minutes were reviewed. On the last page, a paragraph down, change statue to statute and also on the last page last paragraph change meeting to committee. **A motion was made (bt) and seconded (gm) to approve the Secretary's Report as amended. Motion carried.**

**Library Director Report**

See attached. We had a lot of great activities this past month. Wendy and Amy have been on the radio again with Bob Zank. Wendy mentioned she is going for extra support when he has some off the cuff questions.

**Personnel Report**

We had a meeting today with Amy and went over her goals with her. She shared that she is working hard on being more visible. Her active role on day to day tasks have been put on the side for now. She has been getting a lot of support from the staff. Our policies have been updated within the last two years. Our next meeting will be April 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.

**Financial Report**

Everything is right on track. **A motion was made (jt) and seconded (sf) to approve the financial report. Motion carried.**

**Now Account for Audit:**

The accounts were reviewed (see attached). 2019 & 2020 there were two things we are over budget on. We are waiting for some insurance money reimbursement for the repairs for the basement (to be reflected post-audit). Other than that, we are pretty close to where we should be. **A motion was made (sf) and seconded (bt) to approve the Now Account. Motion carried.**

**Approve Vouchers**

The bills were reviewed. **A motion (sf) was made and seconded (jt) to approve vouchers for payment. Motion carried.**

#### **Old Business**

**1. Library Changes-Discussion with John Thompson (IFLS Director):**

Tabled until John is able to attend.

#### **New Business**

**1. Annual Report: (See attached)**

The annual report has been filed with the state. The second page has all the stats on patrons and usage in our library. We are number ten in the MORE system out of fifty-three libraries.

**2. Trustee Essentials 13: (See attached)**

Being an advocate for the library is one of the jobs of a board member and this section lays out how to do this.

**3. WI Public Library Standards: (See attached)**

This is put out by the state of Wisconsin and includes what we need to reach those standards.

**4. Amery Facility Report: (See attached)**

John Thompson put this together and has all the information about our library and where we need to go with the next step. We want to aspire to be tier three on everything.

#### **Next Meeting**

The Board will meet for its next regular meeting on Monday March 16, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

#### **Adjournment**

**A motion to adjourn was made (jt) and seconded (bt) Motion carried.**