

East Troy Lions Public Library

Board Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2021

1. **Call to Order:** President Murphy called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. Director Gartman and Trustees Bartoli, Brobst, Consiglio, Manschot, Nugent, and Thomas were present.
2. **Citizen Participation:** No citizen participation.
3. **Approval of Library Board Minutes:** Approval of Minutes dated June 8, 2021. Trustee Brobst moved and Trustee Manschot seconded to approve the Minutes. Motion carried.
4. **Representative Reports:**
 - a. **Town of East Troy:** No report
 - b. **Town of Troy:** No report
 - c. **Village of East Troy:** No report
 - d. **East Troy School Board:** This is the last week of summer school.
 - e. **Lakeshores Library System:** The new Walworth County Library Planning Committee had its first meeting on July 7th. They began by looking at the history and intent of Statutory Regulations: stakeholder roles and the questions that have come from this such as the need for a new, fair, County Funding Formula. The hope is to show the committee how funding both works and doesn't work, and then formulate a new plan that would aim at 100% funding for all libraries. They'd like to tie this down by the end of July so that Library Directors will then have proper numbers for budgeting for 2022. Lakeshores and Arrowhead Library Systems are proceeding with a merger exploration. 1) Both system boards have agreed on the importance of this and have decided to appoint a joint committee with two trustees from each system and two Library Directors from each system. Director Gartman has been invited to be one of those Directors and has accepted the appointment. 2) The Walworth County Board recently expressed its strong support for such a merger. Lakeshores IT reported that its recent order of PC equipment for the system is running behind schedule due to the pandemic. Libraries will be contacted as their equipment arrives.
 - f. **East Troy Community Center:** Library continues to provide materials. There will be an outdoor event at the end of the month.

5. Director's Report: Discussion/Action Items:

a. Library Expenditures Report - Money Collected - Library Financials (provided by the Village) - Library Statistics Report

b. Library Updates (Discussion): Programming Report - The Summer Reading Program currently has 186 kids, 5 teens and 45 adults signed up and participating. A byproduct of the SRP is that people come in to pay off fines and fees so their kids can participate. Circulation and holds have increased astronomically as well. The FFA program on June 21st was a great success. People arrived early and enjoyed having a chance to interact with the animals. Vehicle day will be Monday, July 19th with police, fire and DPW participating. A second Adult Enrichment Program is set for the Heritage on Thursday, November 11th at 6:30 pm. Dr. Laurie Wenzel from Cardinal Stritch will give a program on the Importance of Cathedrals in Europe and focus particularly on Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, France. **Staff Activity & News -** RFID labeling has moved into Sports, Biographies, History, and lastly our Wisconsin Collection. It should be completed by the end of summer. The Staff is gearing up to do their library visits in the fall. We've talked about what to look for and gathering ideas for our possible new library. Director Gartman has decided to use Friday, September 25th's Open Use Day as a clean-up day to straighten up problem areas. **Building Update -** Gartman spoke with Eileen Suhm, Village Administrator, about our AC problem and asked about the necessity of an amendment to add monies to our Capital Budget for 2022. It is not necessary as the budget has not been passed yet. Suhm added the amount on our behalf. Despite the fact that we have large groups of people in the library at various times, we can operate fairly easily and have not reached our capacity yet. **Misc. -** On Tuesday, June 22nd, Gartman had lunch with the Lake Beulah Women's Club and gave a talk. Topics included library funding and how library systems are set up and function. There was neither evident damage nor latent trash lying around following this year's July 4th ETBT. The Lions Club hopes to host two events that will affect parking: September 18th and October 1st & 2nd.

- c. **2022 Operating Budget Scenarios (Discussion):** Neither County Funding nor employee wages and benefits are available at this time. Three possible budgets were presented for discussion.
 - d. **Tri-Troy Agreement (Discussion & Action):** Trustee Nugent moved and Trustee Thomas seconded for Director Gartman to present our recommendations and rationale to the Tri-Troy Committee. Motion carried.
 - e. **Heritage Project (Discussion):** They have met with representatives from the school district regarding possible land acquisition. They have also contacted a construction company about costs.
6. **Library Board - Future Items:** Officer Elections, 2022 Operating Budget, Tri-Troy update
7. **Adjourn:** President Murphy adjourned the meeting at 5:54 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

Tami Bartoli, Secretary