

Baldwinsville Public Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Meeting – January 8, 2025

Present: Craig Maguire, President; Mary Lou Carpinella, Pam Fallesen, Mary Schmutz, Frank Valchine, Mary Anne Williams, Nancy Howe, Library Director; John Klimachefsky, Donation Fund Treasurer; Dania Souid, Head of Young Adult Services; Diane Natale, Secretary.

Excused: Liz Bates

Visitor: Cindy Falise, President, Friends of the Library

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm. by Diane Natale, Secretary

- I. Conflict of Interest. None
- II. Disposition of minutes of December 11, 2024. Motion to accept minutes by Mary Lou Carpinella. Second by Mary Anne Williams. Carried.
- III. Friends of the Library. Cindy Falise, President of Friends of the Library talked to us about the organization. It is a not-for-profit helping to raise funds for the BPL. This organization lapsed during Covid but as of 2023, it is back in full swing with permanent members. This year they are hoping to get business memberships as well as private memberships. Friends donated \$500 for Meg Van Patten's retirement party. This year marks the 250th anniversary of the opening of the Erie Canal and Friends hopes to utilize those festivities to help with membership sales. Jacquie Owens, Director of Public Relations for BPL has been helping Friends.
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Donation Fund. New donations received:
 1. From Deborah Tamblin (daughter of Gloria Hourinan), \$500, restricted to the "Reading to Go program". This program gets books to the homebound.
 2. From Joseph Gorman, \$50
 3. From Frances Barry, in memory of Peg Lathrop, \$50
 4. From Pet Partners of CNY, \$50

New donations received total \$650. Withdrawals- \$100 to Suzanne McCarthy for reimbursement of gift certificates. Interest on Empower CDs total \$428.87. Bonus dividends on Empower CDs total \$17.64. This happens once a year and is deposited into Empower savings account. Donation Fund balance as of January 1, 2025 is

Seneca Checking Account	\$13,572.43
Empower Savings Account	\$ 27.64
Empower 9 mo. CD Account	\$54,215.55
Empower 15 mo. CD Account	<u>\$54,074.75</u>
Total =	\$121.890.37

Motion to accept Treasurer's report-Donation Fund by Pam Fallesen. Second by Frank Valchine. Carried.

- V. Bills: Donation Fund. Motion to pay bills by Mary Anne Williams, second by Frank Valchine. Carried
- VI. Treasurer's Report: Public Fund. Motion to accept by Mary Anne Williams, second by Mary Schmutz. Carried
- VII. Bills: Public Fund. Motion to accept by Mary Lou Carpinella, second by Pam Fallesen. Carried.
- VIII. Public Comments. None.
- IX. Old Business.
 - A. Monthly Energy Use Review. Trending as usual.
 - B. Basement Renters. It was found that organizations were getting bills for storage in the library basement. It was decided that there will no longer be bills sent out but donations will be accepted. There will be signage hung stating that you are "storing at your own risk".
 - C. Charge Point Update. The cord at the charging station was fixed. The application for another charging station was sent to NYS and we are awaiting the go-ahead.
 - D. Weekend Weather closings. BPL closed early on Saturday, January 4, 2025 due to inclement weather. However there was a chess tournament going on with teams from as far away as Rochester and Julia Schult stayed on until the tournament was finished. We reopened on Sunday, January 5, 2025.

- X. New Business
- A. Budget Vote Date. The next budget vote will be Thursday April 24, 2025. Please mark your calendars.
 - B. Budget Committee. Nancy Howe, Dania Soud, Mary Schmutz, Frank Valchine and Craig Maguire will meet on February 10, 2025 at 10 a.m.
 - C. Trustee Training. This training will be in April or May, 2025
 - D. Other. Who is responsible for monitoring carbon monoxide levels and/or natural gas? Craig will look into it. Motion to accept by Pam Fallesen, second by Mary Lou Carpinella. Carried.
- XI. Director's Report. Maintenance and capital improvements need to be part of the school system. The School Superintendent has set money aside for the cooling tower. Money won't be available until June, 2025. Myriad Lighting put in LED lighting on the outside. We received a thank you card from Meg Van Patten. John Klimachefski and Diane Natale also thanked the board for their recent gift certificates.
- XII. Adjournment. The next Board meeting will be on February 12, 2025. Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. by Mary Anne Williams, second by Pam Fallesen. Carried.

Respectively submitted,
Diane Natale, Secretary