



Bradford Area PUBLIC LIBRARY

Present were Neil Reinhard, Dara Signor, Amy Fox, Lorna Smith, Jane Bowes, Colette Roessler, and Rebecca Feightner. Matt Mongillo was excused.

Amy opened the meeting by introducing and welcoming Catherine Baldwin as the newest member at large of the board, voted in via email prior to the board meeting. Katie Caruso has also been invited. Amy called for a vote and Katie was unanimously approved as a member at large.

A motion was made to accept the financial report, given by Amy Fox, and the minutes from January by Dara, seconded by Neil, which passed unanimously.

As part of the Pennsylvania Legislative Committee of the Pennsylvania Library Association (PLA) Beckie will be asking our state representatives for a 4% increase in public library funding under the Education Department to help meet inflationary expenses.

Bids for Category 2 funding under the E-Rate program were advertised. Only one was received from Ryan Walb. The work will commence in July and will be reimbursed at the rate of 85% once the work is completed.

Beckie applied for a grant through a Walmart Neighborhood grant for iPad for out technology programs, and other needs. She also completed the application for the McKean County Commissioners Grant for children's computers. The present computers are ten years old and not easily used by children without help. These new AWE computers are stand alone units. They have no internet access, so they are safe for very young children to use. They are also able to use it without an adult's help.

In the children's department, under Bonnie Leposa, many new programs have been added, including a Home School Scholars program, and a Book to Movie program. These programs focus on children in the junior elementary age group. DVD's have been rearranged and weeded. A Parent's Reading Corner has been installed in the back part of the Children's Library. Beckie wants to dedicate it to Virginia Miles.

Looking forward, Bonnie is working with the GGB Elementary School principal to create a summer reading program for students who are identified by needing Title 1 reading services. Bonnie is also planning an Elementary age trivia program.

The tween and teen reading groups are planning another program in conjunction with the Open Book Club, like last year's trip to Chautauqua Institute to listen to a seminar by an author together.

We are also planning as a group for the annual summer reading program, and arts programming throughout the year.

It was discussed at the last two meetings that if anyone has ideas for raising funds, bring them to the board meetings. Lorna suggested doing a garage sale as was done in the past. People would clean out their home and bring things into the library to sell. She said it was a good fundraiser in the past.

The meeting was adjourned, at 6:55 pm, with Neal making the motion, seconded by Colette.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Bowes

Secretary