

**Almond Twentieth Century Club Library
Board Meeting Minutes – August 5, 2022
(rescheduled from July 28)**

In attendance: Elva Owlett – Library Board President, Eric Ewald – Library Board Vice President, Linda Staiger - Library Board Trustee (joined late), Julie Phillips - Library Board Trustee, Valerie Ewald – Library Board Trustee candidate, Rhiley Langworthy - Bookkeeper, Susan Steere - Library Club Representative

Absent: Mary Jo Murray - Library Board Trustee candidate

Meeting called to order at 6:39 p.m.

Eric motioned that Valerie Ewald be sworn in as Library Trustee, Linda seconded. Oath of Office was given and signed. Valerie Ewald is now a Library Board Trustee.

June meeting minutes approved - Julie motioned, Eric seconded.

Director's report - see attached document

- Circulation numbers are down. This is not unusual for summer.
- Poor attendance at Summer Reading programs. Children are signing up but then not attending. This is very disappointing as Connor has put a lot of work into programming, but again, not unusual as summer is a very busy time for families.
- Front porch has not been cleaned. Mr. Dirlam does not have the time. It was decided that it would be better to hire someone to do this as they would be insured should something go wrong.
- Computer grant update - STLS held a meeting explaining the next steps. Elva has distributed a recording of the meeting to Board members.

Director's report was accepted - Eric motioned, Linda seconded.

Bookkeeper's report - see attached documents.

- Final count on Pancake Breakfast was not available. Will have at next meeting. A discussion was held on the possibility of having signs printed - more advertising will hopefully lead to better turnout. Rhiley has a connection that may be able to help with signage.
- The need for a cashbox for special events was discussed.
- Received \$67.75 in donations for month of June. We received several more in July, including several at the Pancake Breakfast. Thank you notes have been issued. A donation letter (receipt) will be sent out to patron who donated \$500.
- Final portion of Kitchen Grant was received - \$4350.00

Bookkeeper's report accepted - Valerie motioned, Eric seconded.

Club news

- Susan is still working on basket donation letter and hopes to have this done soon.
- Instead of a quilt raffle, we would like to raffle off a basket with gift cards for groceries, gas, dinners, etc. Eric motioned that once we have received donations for this basket that the Board then use \$200 to fill in the gaps, Linda seconded - passed.
- Community Day is September 10th. It was decided that it would not be profitable to do the sausage stand as we have in the past. People do seem to like the coffee and donuts we've provided in the past so we will move forward with that activity.
- It was decided that we would not have a pancake breakfast in August. We will try again in September (currently scheduled for September 24th).
- Susan reminded us that the Rada cutlery fundraiser is still ongoing. It would be beneficial to have a flier about this at Community Day.
- Susan had 3 suggestions for future programming:
 - Show movie "2,000 Mules", a controversial documentary on voter fraud. It would be a great opportunity to provide voter registration materials.
 - Show movie "Alien Intrusion - Unmasking a Deception", a closer look into what is really out there.
 - Constitution Day celebration - September 17. Displays, activities, games are all possibilities. Also could be an opportunity to provide voter registration materials.

Old Business:

- Norwex fundraiser - received a total of 6 orders. This was very disappointing as Julie put a lot of time and effort into this fundraiser. Advertising information was provided but not distributed. There is approximately \$150 in free product that will be divided up into Election Day baskets.
- Murder Mystery event - will be held October 21st. No additional planning has been done since our last meeting. Linda is working on obtaining the liquor license.
- The sign out in front of the library is faded and has a rotted post. Eric will see what he can do but it may be a while before he can get the work done. There is a possibility that new concrete will be needed in addition to the replacement post & paint.
- Director search update - references for the two finalists were checked. Both received favorable reviews. We will schedule second interviews with candidates as quickly as possible.

New Business:

- Elva will be out of town for our next Board meeting. We will hold the meeting at the regularly scheduled date with Eric presiding.
- Julie announced that she is resigning from the Board, effective August 31st. She will provide an official resignation letter at the next Board meeting.

Next Board meeting will be held August 25, 2022.

Meeting Adjourned 8:51 p.m..

Valerie motioned, Julie seconded.