

**Wolcott Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
September 15, 2021**

Board Members Present: Bob Reed, Steve Monroe, Bobby-Jo Mendenhall, Terry Van Fleet, Deb Hodgson, Ginny Keenan, Director- Dottie Patt, Bookkeeper-Kristl Spalding

Call to order – The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm.

Minutes of the last meeting – The August minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report – Kristl presented the August financial reports. Overall doing better than budget. Motion to accept the financial reports made by Bob and seconded by Terry. Motion approved.

Circulation report - The circulation reports for August were reviewed. Total circulation 1371 and E-books and E-audio total was 272.

Library Director Report:

Library hours on porch sign – Currently being worked on. New Saturday hours have shown a steady flow of people coming in to the library.

T-Mobile – No contract is required. Dottie is still setting up the procedures to check out the Chromebooks and Hot spots.

OWWL2G0 Funding Commitment – The Pioneer Library System(PLS) OWWL2G0 has a 3% increase for 2022. PLS has come up with a more equitable distribution for costs between the libraries based on their usage for the coming year. The amount for The Wolcott Public Library is \$1537. Last year the library paid \$2549.

PLS Coordinated Construction Project – Project is moving along. Application and paperwork signed to continue with this. Motion made by Bob and seconded by Bobby-Jo to approve the project.

Snow removal quote – The snow removal quote for the coming year shows no increase. The cost this year will again be \$45 per trip to plow the parking lot.

Committee Reports – The library held a COVID vaccination program on August 31st by the Wayne County Department of Health. Deb reported on the information shared including the Delta variant is spreading in the community. Only 58% of Wayne County has been vaccinated and we need to get to about 90% to reach herd immunity. The farm workers have been excellent about getting vaccinated. Brochures were provided to give out to the public. The library is looking at offering this program again in the future.

Old Business

Resealing the library parking lots – Resealing the parking lots has been done.

Visit to the library by Senator Helming - Sept 22nd Senator Helming is coming to the library to meet with the public.

New Business

Online meetings – Per PLS, Governor Hochul signed legislation effective immediately allowing for online meetings of public entities. The library can continue to offer a combination of attendance either in-person or online for the Board meeting. The new law is expected to be made permanent in the near future.

E-books and Audio books - From PLS, the New Yorker posted this article on the complications of libraries, ebooks, and OverDrive.

<https://www.newyorker.com/news/annals-of-communications/an-app-called-libby-and-the-surprisingly-big-business-of-library-e-books>

Date of next meeting – The next **Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 20, 2021**, at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Keenan