

**Fort Edward Free Library  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 13, 2024**

**Attendance:** James Donahue, Morgan Clark, John Godfrey, Kate Hunsdon-Stannard

**Staff:** Vicki Plude

**Absent:** Mary Ellen Fisher

**Welcome:**

A meeting was called to order by James Donahue at 7:04 p.m. In person and Google Meet. Minutes of the February 14th meeting were unanimously approved (J. Godfrey, M. Clark).

**Financial Report:**

- Bills were paid and accounts were balanced through February 29th, 2024.
- Checkbook reconciled as of February 29th, 2024.
- Reviewed monthly expenses and income.
- Hill Trust came in on March 1st, 2024.

**Librarian's Report:**

- Report of items, patrons, circulation, new items, Wi-Fi usage, and interlibrary loans for February.
- A Sno-Cone making program was held and had 7 participants.
- The Book Club met with 5 participants.
- E-gaming met with 9 participants.
- There will be a Brown Bear story time on March 20th.
- Paul McCarty will host a historical program on March 28th regarding dynamite.
- Vicki applied for the Glens Falls Foundation Grant.

**Correspondence:**

- Received information about the SALS Construction Grant- we need to have a walk-through with a community member. Vicki will arrange.
- Received information about the Congressional Earmark-will call Carrie Woehner.
- Received correspondence from Schenectady City Public Library- they are dropping from JA, but would still like to provide inter loan services with Fort Edward.
- LEAP sent correspondence regarding the youth employment program. The library would like to continue to employ McKenna.
- Received a bill for the land survey.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Survey- received and board will review.
- Seat number change- James and Kate will meet up to have notarized.
- Blue Mountain Lake- James will reach out to Paul.
- Program ideas- a kayak raffle, yard/craft sale, and car show were proposed.
- John Webber- James will reach out to see where he is at with his reenactment preparation.

**New Business:**

- Received a donation of "Worry Worms"

- Vicki would like to buy a microscope or borrow from Denise.
- The Recreation Department would like to meet with Vicki to discuss summer programs.
- Vicki would like to plan programs involving animals, like birds of prey or the Granville Zoo.
- Board will plan to review all policies.
- E-gaming- need to have 2 adults present. Also will make an acknowledgment form with parent contact info.

A motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. was unanimously approved (K. Hunsdon-Stannard, J. Godfrey)  
Draft submitted by Kate Hunsdon-Stannard, Secretary.