

**TULLY FREE LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JULY 12, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by President Carol Gleason at 4:30 PM.

Attendees: Carol Gleason (President), Denise Cardamone (Vice President), Bruce Graham (Treasurer), Judy Shafer (Secretary), Ellen Grapensteter, Kathy Homestead, Mary Ann Riehlman, , Melanie Kalman, and Nan Nelson

Secretary's report: The minutes from the May 2012 meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's report: The report was reviewed and accepted. Bruce pointed out that since the rates have gone down our electric bill has not increased from use of the AC. There was a question re: a charge for E-Books and Digital downloads. Matt clarified that E-Books are purchased and put on our devices through Amazon and Barnes and Noble. Digital downloads are done through the overdrive website.

Visitor: Kate McCaffrey (NOPL) Kate talked with the board about the problems NOPL has with non-resident users and a proposal that OCPL charge a non-resident user fee. NOPL's proximity to Oswego county brings a very significant number of out of county users into our system. These patrons use a large portion of the services, but do not contribute monetarily to the library. A committee of four has met and drawn a proposed Non-Resident Borrower Card Policy. This policy would have to be approved by the OCPL Board (appointed by the County Executive). Kate is hoping to gain support among member libraries to encourage the board's approval. The policy would put a \$35 fee in place for non-resident cards. This fee is per card, not per family, though families can choose to have only 1 card. Residents and tax payers of Onondaga County, residents of the Jordan-Elbridge School District and Residents of the Tully School District would all be eligible for resident cards. The fee would be waived for students enrolled in a school located in Onondaga County. Kate pointed out that \$35 is well below the median per capita support for the library (\$44). After Kate left, a motion was passed to support the non-resident user fee.

Director's Report: May and June reports were reviewed and accepted. Matt spoke to the board about a proposal for a community Farmers' Market. Amy Kida from Earth to Soul has met with the village board and drawn up a contract for King's Corner Market. Matt has a copy of a lease that would be entered into by property owner to allow someone to use the right of way area at the street side of their property. He will e-mail a copy of that to board members for their review. Ellen expressed concern that we might be in violation of not-for-profit rules if we enter into such a lease, even not for money, with a party who will be profiting from the arrangement. We may need to get legal advice on this. Our current policy does not allow the library to be used by "for profit" gatherings.

Old Business: The pie sale brought in \$130. Carol thanked Bruce and Liz Graham for hosting the Volunteer Appreciation dinner at their home.

New Business:

Computer Use Policy: Proposed modifications to the policy were reviewed. We will no longer have any age limit for use of the public access computers. The restrictions we used to have in place did not mesh with the ALA interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights. A couple of unenforceable rules will also be eliminated. Carol will send Matt a copy of the bulleted version of the policy for amendment and posting. The full policy is available by request, or on the library website.

Aldi Certiorari: Aldi has won their tax grievance and the school district now has to refund the overpayment of property taxes from the time the suit was brought. Superintendent Craig Pritts has inquired as to whether the library will be refunding the portion of the tax collected that was remitted to the library. Correspondence from Senator Valesky's office indicates that per Education law the library is not responsible for doing this. Carol has called the Department of Education for further clarification. She

was told by Mary Beth Farr that we are not responsible for this and that we need do nothing. “The law is the law.” She was also told that if we chose to do this, it could have an effect on other libraries. Carol will give Kraig a courtesy call to let him know that the board is not inclined to participate in this refund.

Book Sale: Matt would like to get the upstairs cleaned out. Melanie is getting a lot of help from children getting the books sorted by genre. She has found that the Rescue Mission will take left over books after the sale. We will use the book cart from the lake and set some tables up outside to help make the sale more visible. She will let board members know what she needs for help with the sale.

Meeting time: The board meetings will continue to be held on Saturdays at 9AM. This can be rethought when the new board is in place.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Judy Shafer, Secretary