

Talcott Free Library Board Meeting  
Monday, February 7, 2022

Members present: L. Floto, D. Garlow, T. Garlow, Geddeis, Kovanda, Ragaller, Director Gove  
Absent: A. Floto

President Kovanda called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Secretary's Report: T. Garlow moved, and Ragaller seconded, to approve minutes of the January meeting.  
Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: D. Garlow moved, and L. Floto seconded, to approve the treasurer's report. Approved unanimously. Director Gove recently learned of the death of Dale A. Seiberling on May 1, 2021. Mr. Seiberling had donated \$1500.00 per year to the library, and according to a letter dated January 2, 2002, he wished to establish the Jean F. Seiberling Children's Book Fund to support children's reading. Interest earned by the fund reached a maximum of \$37.05 per month, but is now earning less than \$4.00 per month. The fund currently totals \$22,180.49. L. Floto proposed inviting others to contribute in order to grow the principal. Director Gove will consult with Dan Forbes of Speer Financial for ideas on how to proceed.

Librarian's Report: Kovanda moved, and Geddeis seconded, to approve the librarian's report and the payment of current bills. Motion approved unanimously.

Building and Grounds Report: The parking lot lights are wired into the breaker box at the Dairyhäus, and still do not work. An electrician will be called to investigate. Brent Murray of the Dairyhäus commented that he has been paying for "our lights" for many years. Dairyhäus customers also use the parking lot. This issue might be discussed when the lease is renewed. Director Gove has ordered additional signage, and some has been installed, for various areas inside the library. Garland Company has provided cost estimates for roof restoration and/or retrofit. The estimated costs range between \$113,000 and \$201,250. No action at this time.

Old Business: None.

New Business: A patron wrote to express concern over handicapped parking. Spaces are available at the rear of the building, but the rear door is not currently used due to security issues. It is hazardous to access the rear door because of book drop and service station traffic. Handicapped patrons must walk along the east and south sides of the building to access the front entrance. The only other option is to park on the south side of Main Street and use the pedestrian crossing at the traffic signal. The former handicapped spaces on the north side of Main Street near the Dairyhäus currently do not comply with IDOT requirements and have been eliminated. President Kovanda will respond to the patron's concerns. Current policy for the program room, written in 2016, is being modified and will be considered for adoption at the March meeting.

T. Garlow moved, and Geddeis seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. Adjournment at 8:01 p.m.

Submitted by Loren Floto, Secretary