

Talcott Free Library Board Meeting
Monday, January 16, 2023

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

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

Public Comment: None.

Secretary's Report: Kovanda moved, and Ragaller seconded, to approve the November minutes as presented. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: L. Floto moved, and Geddeis seconded, to approve the November and December treasurer's reports. The motion was approved unanimously. The current auditor has dropped our account due to no longer providing governmental audits. Director Gove is seeking a new auditor.

Librarian's Report: D. Garlow moved, and A. Floto seconded, to approve this report and the payment of current bills. Motion approved unanimously. A resident of Shirland Township inquired about modifying our method of calculating library card charges for nonresidents. Following discussion, the current policy, which is fair for all concerned, will remain unchanged.

Building and Grounds Report: Water pipes in the unheated riser closet froze and burst on December 27th, flooding a large area of the floor. The damage was limited to the baseboards and a small area of drywall. LDR did a good job of drying the carpeting and no library materials were damaged. An insurance claim of approximately \$7,000 was approved. The library will be responsible for the \$1,000 deductible. The architects have been contacted to seek an explanation of why the consequences of this design flaw were not foreseen.

Unfinished Business: D. Garlow moved, and Ragaller seconded, to approve the holiday hours policy discussed previously. Passed unanimously.

New Business: The per capita grant application is completed. Geddeis moved, and T. Garlow seconded, to approve submittal of the application. Passed unanimously. Geddeis led discussion on the new lease for the Dairyhäus. The annual rental charge will be based on research into local rental rates in consideration of Talcott's financial responsibility to the taxpaying public.

Ragaller moved, and A. Floto seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval.
Adjournment at 8 p.m.

Submitted by L. Floto, Secretary