

Gowanda Free Library, Board of Trustees  
Meeting Minutes  
20 August 2020

An emergency meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Gowanda Free Library was held at the library on 20 August 2020. The meeting was called to order at 8:45 PM by Vice President Mindy Purdy. Members present were Vice President, Mindy Purdy; Treasurer, Wendy Greco; Secretary, Evon Lloyd; and Kim Warrior. The meeting entered into Executive Session pursuant to 105.f, a continuance of the same subject addressed at the 14 August 2020 meeting.

Whereas Stacy Forthman has refused and failed to comply with the direction given and delineated at the 14 August 2020 Board of Trustees meeting, the following **motion carried unanimously:**

**effective immediately Stacy Forthman is**

- 1. removed from membership on the Board of Trustees,**
- 2. banned from the library premises for any reason and all capacities, including patronage, for a period of one year, to be revisited by the Board in August 2021; and**
- 3. removed as signatory from all financial and business accounts of the Gowanda Free Library, for she no longer carries responsibility for conducting any Gowanda Free Library business.**

With guidance received from Jan Dekoff, Executive Director, CCLS; the Board will inform Stacy of this decision by certified letter.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Evon Lloyd, Secretary Pro Tem

Board of Trustees  
Gowanda Free Library  
56 West Main Street  
Gowanda, NY 14070  
20 August 2020

Stacy Forthman  
94 South Chapel Street  
Gowanda, NY 14070

Dear Stacy:

It is with deep regret and firm determination that the Board of Trustees has removed you as a member of the Board of Trustees and relieved you of any and all responsibilities for the Gowanda Free Library, effective immediately. In addition, you are no longer permitted to be a patron, volunteer, or trustee of the Gowanda Free Library, and are hereby banned from the library premises for a period of one year. The Board will revisit this decision in August of 2021.

You have made significant contributions to the Gowanda Free Library, but have overstepped bounds with great disregard and blatant refusal to comply with Board guidelines, especially as to those determined at the 14 August 2020 meeting. Therefore, we request that you refrain from initiating any contact with the library staff including text messages, emails, visits to their homes or places of business.

In regard to remaining items of business, we request that you please deliver the following items to the board secretary as soon as possible:

1. The unused gift cards purchased with library funds for the summer reading program.
2. Any documentation you may have in your possession in regard to any library business.
3. Any keys to the library you may still have in your possession.

In addition, please remove any social media for the library that you have created or administered.

Respectfully,  
The Board of Trustees, Gowanda Free Library  
Mindy Purdy, Vice President  
Wendy Greco, Treasurer  
Kim Warrior  
Evon Lloyd, Secretary