

January 25, 2024

Gowanda Free Library Meeting

6:35 pm, meeting called to order by Charity Knighten. All members in attendance, also the director and a community member.

Charity Knighten motion to accept secretary report, Hayley Wilkins seconds, all in favor.

Treasurer report is given.

Directors report is given,

Discussed usage of grants.

Friends of the Library report

- Book purchases were made for the library.

- Shelving unit was chosen.

- Getting ready for the herb/bake sale.

New Business

2024 budget proposal.

Hayley Wilkins proposes to remove Heidi Khawam, director, from a specific need to fundraise.

Put book sale at \$0

Discussed giving the book sale to the Friends of the Gowanda Free Library.

Charity Knighten motions to accept the 2024 budget proposal, Jeff Hatfield seconds, all in favor.

Officer ByLaws/ electing officers. Hayley Wilkins motions for officer elections for the same docket as we currently have, Charity Knighten seconds, all in favor.

Clerk wage rate raised to \$15.50 an hour, and will be backdated to January 1, 2024. Charity Knighten motions, Hayley Wilkins seconds, all in favor.

Disaster relief policy needs to be changed from snow, to inclement weather. Charity Knighten motions to have one change in the disaster relief policy, Hayley Wilkins seconds, all in favor.

Charity Knighten motions to adopt a new policy for trustee education, Hayley Wilkins seconds, all in favor.

Motion carried to propose that the annual appropriation for the operation of the Gowanda Free Library be increased 2%, from \$59,000 to \$60,180, and the Board of Education of the Gowanda Central School District, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, and Erie Counties, New York, be authorized to levy the necessary taxes thereafter.

Rebakah Moraites motions to raise tax levy to 2% in 2024, Charity Knighten seconds, all in favor.

Community member

Father of son who runs, "Ensuring Hopes and Dreams" spoke.

Discussed creating committees for the board.

Deciding investment meeting for February.

Making February a full meeting.

Charity Knighten adjourns at 7:43pm