

**Northern Onondaga Public Library**  
**Monthly Board Meeting**  
**March 25, 2019**

**Attending:** Tom Brooks, Jim Rowley, Wayne Chase, Bob Lalley, Sue Kowalski, Barb Irwin, Derek Empey, Lisa Sokolowski, Steve Scicchitano, Frank Laifer and Library Director, Amanda Travis (Via Skype)

**Absent:** Camille Luteran, Sue Corieri, Janet Cavaiola

**Also Present:** Jill Youngs, Bill Hasting, Sarah Heukrath, Alissa Borelli

Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.

**Presentation by Sarah Heukrath (NS Children’s Librarian) on Comic Cons**

Comic Cons are a celebration of all the things patrons love. Throughout the day, comic-cons features vendors, panels and cosplay. I have already talked to several vendors who are excited to be partnering with us for this event. One of these vendors makes cool jewelry that represents Harry Potter, superheroes, TV shows and other fun things. We will be having a costume contest for all our cosplay lovers. Panels are great because people can discuss and learn about topics that are interesting to them. So far, there is one panel topic entitled, “How to Publish Your Book for Free.” We will also be doing a singalong of the musical episode of Buffy the Vampire Slayer called “Once More With Feeling.” We are looking into hiring a UFO bouncy house and will have a food truck for our patrons. It should be an exciting day.

Motion to approve keeping the North Syracuse Library open for Comic Con on Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> until 8:00 p.m. by Frank Laifer; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Chase; All in favor—motion unanimously approved.

Motion to approve last month board minutes by Frank Laifer; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barb Irwin; All in favor—motion approved.

**President** – Spoke with the Director about the OCPL Memorandum of Understanding specifically the member charges. Wanted to know more of the history of how the base charge was calculated and if Central and Branches make up part of the member charges. These questions will be posed to the MOU committee for discussion at their next meeting.

**Vice President** – No Report

**Treasurer**

- Abstract #3 discussed by the board.
- Everything looks good with the budget this month.

Motion to approve Abstract #3 in the amount of \$86,231.62 by Bob Lalley; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Scicchitano; All in favor—motion approved.

## **Corresponding Secretary** – None

### **Trustee Reports**

**Frank Laifer** – Would like to revisit the Out of System Borrowers fee to determine whether we are charging enough. Mandy Travis will put this item on the next meeting board agenda.

**Sue Kowalski** – Also received the email from OCPL about the MOU regarding member library fees looking for feedback. Sue was making sure someone from our library will be responding to this. Sue did not take the kids to Albany for Library Advocacy Day because of the weather.

Tom and Mandy have already been looking into the Memo of Understanding regarding the fines and fees. Mandy responded that member directors are already looking into more information and transparency on this subject. Currently, OCPL is waiting until they hire a new Executive Director.

**Bill Hastings** – Attended Library Advocacy Day and said it was a great trip. Met with some of our local legislators regarding library services and out of system borrowers. Bill thanked Mandy for allowing him to attend.

### **Director Report**

Mandy was at the Library Leader's Summit in Arlington, VA so she teleconferenced into the meeting.

- Cicero Curbside Holds Pickup service began on March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The production printer has been installed in the Administration office.
- Johnson Controls has completed installation of the new controls at Cicero.
- Amanda Roberts and Jennifer Tolley will be presenting at NYLA 2019.

### **New Business**

#### **Teen Advisory Board**

Motion to allow Teen Advisory Board to meet at Cicero Library every other month after hours on Friday by Frank Laifer; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Chase; All in favor—motion approved.

Motion to adjourn at 7:10 pm by Steve Scicchitano; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Chase;  
All in favor—motion approved.

Adjourned meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully by,

Marianne Vaughn