

**Alexander Findley Community Library
Board of Trustee Meeting
April 28, 2025**

First we had a guest speaker- Susannah Frigon spoke to us about Erie Gives and the benefits of possibly joining. During this 24 hour “giving” fundraiser donations can be made to the donors choice of recipients which are non-profit organizations. This years event is August 12 (the 2nd Tuesday in August). The annual cost to join is approximately \$110-150 for each organization. All donations made go directly to the organization. There is a minimum donation gift of \$25. Donations come in from all over the globe and there are bonus drawings given out during the event. Another benefit is that there are resources and promotional items available to use on eriegives.com which can be tailored to fit your non-profit! There is a handout with more information available if you want to see it- that she provided for us. Too many details for this space. We agreed that this will require more thought and discussion!

I. Call to Order – Mary Ford- President at 7:00 pm

Present at Meeting: Cala, Mary, Paul, Shari, Kim, Judy, Nancy and Annette

II. Approval of March 24, 2025 Minutes- Annette Tang, Secretary after CORRECTION noted by Paul and Sheri - The date for the craft fair was incorrect, it is the May 3rd, this Saturday, not the 5th!!

III. Treasurers Report – Paul Fellingner, Treasurer - Annual letter donations currently at \$10,825.00! Approved by Nancy and Kim

Note: Larger bills are coming in now at this time of year, such as insurance, payroll, flares, craft fair, rent etc. which of course affects balance and we will re-coup some of those, example, flares and craft show.

IV. Correspondence- \$200 from dress down day, and a \$20 donation mailed in.

V. Strategic Plan – Cala is on all these goals

a.Goal 1 – Implement Industry Standards & Best Practices for Library Services. Leaders: Shari

b.Goal 2-Offer Creative Programming and Services to Meet Community Needs. Leaders: Annette, Kim, Shari

c.Goal 3-Ensure Staff and Volunteers are Adequately trained & supported. Leaders: Kim, Mary

d.Goal 4-Strengthen the Library Through Outreach & Communication Efforts. Leaders: Nancy, Andy, Annette, Tony

e.Goal 5-Ensure Organizational Sustainability. Leaders: Paul, Nancy, Tony

Comments on Strategic plan, Take a look and ask yourself are we meeting our goals? Overall the consensus is yes at this point in time.

VI. Old Business :

a. Lottery tickets at May craft show- Mary update: placed at OCCC outlet, tickets sold there, Secret Cubby and the Library. Mary has list of tickets sold so far.

b. Trustee training webinars via Capacity Lab- 2 hours per year, let Mary know when you’re done; login to your email and search for “Sexual Harassment” or “Capacity Lab” and any email you have contains those words will pop up for you to find the links and info!

c.Revised Strategic Plan- - lay eye on- We’ll have to update it next year, so dates can be added back in with any new goals/projects

d. Annual letter- noted increases in Paul’s report

e. Craft show- Volunteer sign up sheet and set up is TODAY - Thursday at 5 pm!! (Not on Friday this year)

32 tables booked and the 33rd table to be confirmed

Food items the same as previous years, and adding some extra desserts TBD

Kim to call volunteers for pie donations. Thank you Kim!

Mary & Shari will continue their shopping routine for supplies.

Cala will put in Tapestry to advertise.

VII. New Business:

a. Guest speaker (see above)

b. Memorial Day Parade- Discussion on items to hand out- small books? Candy? (Sheri says kids want the candy!!) Do we want to ride a golf cart, make a float?

c. Craft show volunteers- set up and for Saturday....READY?

d. Mary in charge of Flare ordering.

VIII. Presidents Report: None

IX. Library Managers' Report- Cala handed out her report for April, please refer to that to read important points, events and other thoughts to include how we could be affected by loss of grants due to the Trump administration.

-the library magnets are in

-getting ready for the busy summer reading programs and events

-on her list is to update the list of board members and employees

The date for the next board meeting was discussed due to Memorial Day being on the 26th of May everyone feels that it is preferred to wait and have the next meeting at the time of the annual meeting coming up! So...

Next Meeting is June 7th- Annual Meeting on Saturday at 9 am

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm - approved by Nancy and Kim