

## DeWitt Community Library Minutes for 2017 Annual Meeting held February 16, 2017

Present

Caul Austin, James Trevvett, Max Ruckdeschel, Doug Arena, Nina Brown, Barbara MacDonald, Lydia Wasylenko, Mary Keib Smith, Lauryn Gouldin, Jaimee Ashe

Also present Wendy Scott, Mary Kelly (Friends President)

Absent: Jill Enright, Shelly Field, Meisje Havens

The Meeting was called to order at 5:36

Presentation from Friends of DeWitt Community Library

The Friends are donating \$10,000 and pledged \$5000.

The Friends are a board of 14-15 members and they meet once a month. They fundraise and support the Library. They advocate and do outreach. The key programs they sponsored in 2016 were the Summer reading program, Beach Read, Staff appreciation, Senior Reading program and author events like "A Fall Evening with Tim Burns". The Friends traditionally hold a bake sale concurrent with the Library book sale. They also meet with other NYS Library Friends group to discuss ideas.

Sean Kirst will be speaking in March for the next Friends' event.

Annual Report – Mary Keib Smith

Mary welcomed everyone to the annual meeting.

It was a busy year, overseeing existing facility and building the new library. It is moving along nicely. The new facility is scheduled to open in the fall - hopefully September. The fundraising is going well but the last push is coming. Things have been running smoothly.

Treasurers Report – Carl Austin

The audit is due next week – it is looking good. We are at the three million mark into the project – no surprises. We are still on budget and on track

Directors Report – Annual Report the Community – Wendy Scott

Thank you to the Board for this project and thank you to the library staff who have worked their regular duties as well as working on the new facility. Wendy is working on grants – we have some wonderful gifts and grants. During the construction, we continue to serve the community. They will be some slow down close to the move,

There are new programs. New services for STEM and Art. New literacy programs for all ages. There are some programs focusing on teens and millennials.

We are starting to look at furnishings and interior spaces. We are expanding on the Steam/STEM and being a community center.

Thanks to the Dorothy and Marshall M. Reisman Foundation for the donation of \$500,000 for the new facility. They requested that the name be updated to Community Library of DeWitt and Jamesville.

By-Laws committee – Nina Brown

There is nothing changing and nothing has been proposed at this time.

Nomination Committee – Nina Brown

Regarding the ballot: We agreed to stay at 13 members. There are five nominees total and you can vote for up to five nominees.

Requested nomination from the floor – there were no nominations from the floor.

Tallied the votes – everyone who was nominated was voted in.

Mary called the Annual Meeting to a close.

These minutes will be submitted for approval at the March 2017 Board Meeting