

Ewell Free Library
Annual Association Member Meeting
March 4, 2019

Present: President Susan Sabers Chapman, Vice President William Chapman, Secretary Tanya Lords-Quinn, Treasurer Joy Insinna, Trustee Renee Nelson, and five Association members, along with special guest Mary Jean Jakubowski- Director of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System.

President Susan Sabers Chapman opened the 117th Annual Meeting of the Ewell Free Library Association at 7:00 PM in the Taylor Room by welcoming all present. It was determined that a quorum of membership was in attendance.

The minutes of April 30, 2018 Annual Association Meeting were approved. (R Moe/S Sabers)

President's Report of 2019 was received and read. A dialogue was started between President Susan Sabers-Chapman, Mary Jean Jakubowski, and the Board at a special meeting held back in November regarding the possible re-chartering of Library to enable us to serve the entire Alden community better. The Board passed a resolution to move forward with the re-chartering at December's meeting. Also at December's meeting, the Board regretfully accepted the resignation of Carol Dubel. Renee Nelson has graciously accepted the open Trustee position, and we warmly welcome her to our ranks. The President extended a thank you to the Town of Alden and the Cotton Foundation for their generous financial support, and to Special Events Coordinator Michele Greatbatch for providing the refreshments enjoyed during our meetings and for always lending a helping hand with the Library's many projects.

Vice President William Chapman and Director Mary Jean Jakubowski spoke to the Association about the Library's re-chartering. There are many benefits to re-chartering. As per the current charter, the town of Alden is recognized by the state as an underserved community. However, the Library already meets many of the minimum state standards for the larger charter area. We are open the greater minimum hours of service, at 35. We have a qualified librarian on staff, and patrons from both the town and the village already utilize the Library's services. Re-chartering would be a significant step forward in the Alden community and beyond. The Town and Village of Alden are both very excited to see the re-chartering go forward. Motion to move forward and re-charter the Alden Ewell Free Library approved. (J Plant/S Sabers)

Treasurer's Report for 2018 was presented by Treasurer Joy Insinna and approved. (J Insinna/R Moe)

Library Manager's Report for 2018 was presented by Library Manager Rebecca Moe. It noted that circulation was down slightly for the year while computer usage had increased considerably. Summer reading programs were well attended.

Trustee Tanya Lords-Quinn was nominated for another five-year term, ending in 2024. (J Insinna/R Nelson) President Susan Sabers Chapman cast one ballot for Mrs. Lords-Quinn.

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM. (J Craft/ J Insinna)