

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SOMERS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD ROOM
APRIL 5, 2010

PRESENT: Lois Lindell, Andy Phillips, Robin Provencher, Charlotte Stopa, Shirley Warner and Library Director Francine Aloisa.

ABSENT: Tiffany Daly, Mike Gotta, Dee Moak, Bob Socha

Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Warner at 6:35 p.m.

1.Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 1, 2010 made by L. Lindell, seconded by A. Phillips and approved unanimously.

2.First Audience to Citizens: S. Warner introduced the board members to three high school students who are monitoring this meeting for their civics class. S. Warner further introduced a reporter from the Journal Inquirer who is in attendance in regard to the board's concerns with the teen room.

3.Treasurer's Report: No report at this time.

4.Correspondence: S. Warner discussed a letter sent to the Somers Lacrosse Association on March 4, 2010 regarding this Board's hope they will institute a parking plan for the Paul Bower Lacrosse Tournament weekend.

5.Financial Business:

a. Approval of invoices: Motion to approve payment of invoices made by L. Lindell, seconded by R. Provencher and approved unanimously.

b. Year-to-date budget: Reviewed and accepted by the Board.. F. Aloisa advised the Board that the purchase order requirement by the Selectman's office is still in place for all purchases due to the budget freeze.

6. Committees. No reports at this time.

7.Building Program:

a. Building Committee. S. Warner requested the Board's authorization for use of fundraising funds to purchase paperback/media shelves needed in the children's area from Tucker Library Interiors a an approximate cost of \$3,000.00. Motion for approval made by A. Phillips, seconded by C. Stopa and unanimously approved.

S. Warner then reported that there are still issues being resolved with differences between items specified in the bid package and the items actually received for the building.

S. Warner further reported that she has spoken with Jennifer Domer, a graphic artist, who will prepare a logo for the Board's consideration for future use on letterhead and possibly on marketing items.

F. Aloisa reported that three more security cameras have been installed, and that the cable television installation is almost complete. Further, there are several remaining punch list items and the issue of the use of the well water for irrigation is still underway.

8. Policy Review. None at this time.

9. Old Business:

a. Teen Room. S. Warner advised that she and D. Moak have been "babysitting" the use of the teen room each weekday from 2:30 to 4:30 or 5:00 p.m. and that the students seem to have "gotten it" when an adult remains present in the room. She further noted that Tuesdays seem to be the worst day of the week.

F. Aloisa read a letter sent to parents several years ago by the Avon Library Director. Following

discussion, the board agreed that a similar letter could possibly be distributed to students at the beginning of the next school year, "piggybacked" with school information. A sample letter will be drafted for consideration by the Board at the next regular meeting.

S. Warner advised that the Board of Selectmen, at their last meeting, voted to back action taken by our Board in regard to addressing the issues with the teen room. She further advised she feels we need to have an adult present in the teen room on an ongoing basis and should look into hiring an adult monitor for the after school hours. L. Lindell will do research into this area in regard to a draft job description, hours, rate of pay, etc. for our next regular meeting.

F. Aloisa advised that she would prefer, in the future, to see a new position added for a teen librarian who could assist with projects, use of reference and research materials, etc. rather than just monitoring teen behaviors while in the library.

10. New Business: None at this time.

11. Director's Report: F. Aloisa provided the Board with a verbal report, advising that a \$300.00 donation was received from Alice Fedo; the Monday matinee movies were very successful during the month of March, however the Blake Room is booked for use for the Friends of the Library book collection and sale, the Cultural Commission's photography show, and then the districtwide art show for the month of April, and she anticipates resuming Monday matinees in May; lastly, programs scheduled for adults were discussed but there has not been much interest shown in them.

12. Second Audience to Citizens: None.

13. Adjournment: With no further business to be considered, S. Warner declared the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Provencher
Secretary

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