

Library Board of Directors
Somers Public Library
Minutes
September 13, 2010

Members present: Chairperson Shirley Warner, Tiffany Daly, Mike Gotta, Dee Moak, Andrew Phillips,, Charlotte Stopa, Lois Lindell
Absent: Robin Provencher (excused), Bob Socha
Also Absent: Francine Aloisa (excused)

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Warner at 6:33 pm.

No Audience to Citizens.

In the absence of written minutes from the June 7th meeting, minutes will be distributed and acted upon at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report was discussed and will be incorporated into next month's report. Tiffany report that the grant money of \$29,941 from Hartford Foundation for Public Giving has been received and \$16,528 has been dispensed for computers (hardware and software). The remainder will be spent on a series of adult literacy classes on basic computer topics.

It was also reported that \$34,300 has been transferred from Building Fund to the Endowment Fund.

Correspondence: S. Warner announced that a notice from Probate Court of a hearing for the estate of Dale Chudy had been received. The library is one of several named in the will.

A letter was read from the U.S. Dept of Commence thanking the library for the use of space for several meetings of the town census-takers.

A letter was read from J. Lawson showing appreciation for the new library space.

Motion for approval of invoices to be paid was made by A. Phillips and seconded by D. Moak. One in amount of \$331.25 for HVAC repair was held out so we can receive more information before approving it. Voted for approval on all others.

Year-to-date report of expenditures was distributed.

Building committee has met once this summer. A new in-ground water pump has been installed.

Old Business:

Five monitors have volunteered for coverage in the Teen Room. They are

Monday-Bev Landry

Tuesday-Shirley Warner

Wednesday Nancy Fagan

Thrusday-Dee Moak

Friday- Kathy Gebhardt

Margaret Festi has agreed to be substitute.

Sizable numbers of students are using the Teen Room. A new system for signing in is being used.

S. Warner reported that there was a positive response to the letter included in the correspondence to parents for opening of school at the middle school level.

Five bids were presented for lawn maintenance. Motion made (D. Moak) and seconded (T. Daly) to contract with Beebe Landscaping. Passed (A. Phillips abstaining)

S. Warner announced that she had approved a new logo designed by Jennifer Domer Schutz. It will appear as our letter head, on library cards and new key cards.

New Business:

C. Stopa has been appointed to review wording in our by-laws. T. Daly will confer with her on the wording for financial responsibility. Charlotte will bring any word changes to the board next month for discussion.

The Endowment Policy needs to have wording change to read Board Of Trustees instead of Board of Directors. That is how the Library Board is referred to in statutes. Motion (D. Moak) seconded (A. Phillips) to have this term change in all documents so all will be consistent. Passed.

Somers Co-op has asked to hold a bake sale at the library on the day of the Friends of the Library Book Sale. Motion made (M. Gotta) seconded (T. Daly) not to allow this as it would be a precedent for other groups to want to hold similar projects

Consensus made that a book be given to the library by the board in memory of Joseph Sheer The family had asked that memorial money be given to the library. They then asked that there be some type of remembrance be given, either furniture or his name be placed on a bookshelf.

T. Daly announced that the Organization Resolution for accounts with Van Guard, Merrill Lynch and Solomon Smith Barney need to be updated with Shirley and Tiffany as Chairman and Treasurer to be the designated signatures. This will be done.

The Annual and Summer Reports from the Director were distributed. Statistics for library use for this year were very positive.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Lindell

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