

Library Board of Directors
Somers Public Library
March 2, 2015

Members present: Shirley Warner, Charlotte Stopa, Lois Lindell, Sharon Renzoni, Mike Gotta, Bob Socha, Andy Phillips, Michelle Vargo

Also present: Francine Aloisa

Absent: Tiffany Daly

S. Warner called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Minutes from the February 11 meeting were accepted. Motion made C, Stopa; seconded, M. Gotta. (A. Phillips abstaining)

First Audience of Citizens: None

Treasurer's Report was distributed and will be filed for audit.

Correspondence:

Letter was received from the Hazel Neelan Trust stating that the Somers Library will be receiving \$3,0109.77 for the year 2015. This will be made in two payments.

E-mail was received stating that the governor's budget includes several cuts to monies distributed by the state for several payments (i.e. ConnectiCard, etc,) A hearing will be held in Hartford on March 3 for reactions to this inclusion. It was decided that a letter from our board would be sent stating our reaction disapproving of these cuts.

Financial Business.

Invoices were presented for authorization. Motion made to approve B. Socha, seconded by S. Renzoni. Approved.

Year-to-date Budget was presented and will be filed. The percentages of expenditures are in line for this time of year.

Committees: Budget

Shirley and Francine presented the Budget for 2015-16 to the Board of Selectmen and the Financial Officers. A change was made with the amount listed for Heat line item from \$25,000 to \$20,000. After discussion, it was decided to leave Electricity line item as is. A discussion with the Selectmen followed about the Library Teen Room.

Committee assignments for 2015 are as follows

Budget: T. Daly, C. Stopa, S. Renzoni

Investment: T. Daly, A. Phillips, M. Vargo

Technology: M. Gotta, A. Phillips

Policy: C. Stopa, M. Vargo, L. Lindell

Building: B. Socha, A. Phillips

Personnel: T. Daly, L. Lindell

Liaison to Friends of the Library: S. Renzoni

Building concerns:

Leaks in the pipes in the Mechanical Room was found and Mechanical Maintenance Co spent time repairing the problem and the pressure in the pipes was restored. The weather has caused leaking. The areas around the courtyard and the ceiling of the stage have several areas that have been affected. A number of ceiling tiles will have to be replaced. There are some spare tiles that can be used.

Old Business:

Work on the web-design is progressing. A meeting with the web designer is being planned. Shirley has responded to the letter from the Public Works Dept. about the small island in front of the Library. A meeting will be held in April between the Library Board, the Public Works Dept. and Town Engineer.

New Business:

Francine has met with the Bowers Tournament Committee. The tournament will be held on June 6, 7. It was voted that library will be closed on Saturday, June 6. Motion made L. Lindell, seconded C. Stopa. The library will be closed on June 7 because of the summer schedule.

Director's report:

Library was closed because of snow for 3 days in February.

Showing of the movie tomorrow has also been cancelled because the DVD player is not working properly. Best Buy has been called.

Friends of the Library will meet on March 9. Book Sale will be held March 27, 28 and 29.

Francine and Marie have met with the new Recreation Director. Plans for cooperative programs are being investigated.

Second Audience of Citizens: None

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. Next meeting will be April 6.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Lindell

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