

Library Board of Directors
Somers Public Library
April 6, 2015

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

Also present: Francine Aloisa, three students observing for high school "civics" course.

Absent: Mike Gotta (excused)

S. Warner called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Minutes from the March 2 meeting were accepted. Motion made B. Socha; seconded, S. Renzoni

First Audience of Citizens: None

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

Correspondence:

A note of appreciation was received from John Moak and family for the gift of the game table the Library Board donated to the Library in Dee's memory.

A handbook for library trustees was received from the Association of Connecticut Library Boards (ACLB). Shirley has a copy.

Financial Business.

Invoices were presented for authorization. Motion made to approve: L. Lindell, seconded by T. Daly. Approved.

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

Committees

Committee Assignments have been made. As there was no discussion, the assignments for 2015 will be as stated in March 2 minutes

Building concerns:

A contract with Mechanical Maintenance Co was presented for service on equipment. It was recommended that this be put in place as of 4/15/15. Motion made (A. Phillips, seconded C. Stopa) . Passed.

Silktown Roofers should be here to work on gutter and roof problems within 2-3 weeks. Benches in the back of the library were damaged this winter. Francine said that one or two of them might be repairable. A discussion followed if we need those benches in that place because they have not been used. Francine will look into other areas that might be good.

Policy Review:

The Policy Subcommittee is now reviewing the Policy Manual and will meet soon to discuss any possible changes or needed updates

Old Business:

Work on updating the web-design is almost complete.

The bookcase donated by the Library Board in memory of A. Bob Socha is now in place.

Initial discussion of possible changes to the parking lot Island has been held with the Town Public Works Director. A meeting for more discussion will be called.

New Business:

A donation of a Memorial Bench has been offered. A mother of a library patron wants to do this. Further discussion with her will be done. Perhaps it could be used as a replacement for benches damaged.

Director's report:

Francie Clark has received a \$750 Scholarship from CLA towards her tuition at Capital Community College. She is enrolled in the Library Technician Program.

Cecelia Becker will present a program Called "Teaching Seniors: The Fun of It; Humor and A Hook" at the Annual Conference in Mystic on April 28.

Friends of the Library made a total of close to \$2700.00 on the book sale on March 27-29.

Francine and Shirley have met with Principal Krevolin of MBA about the after-school kids. Another meeting including the new Recreation Director will be held for possible programs after school.

Book discussions and programs have shown good attendance.

Movies have not been shown as the projection system is in the process of being repaired.

Second Audience of Citizens: None

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. Next meeting will be May 4.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Lindell

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