

Library Board of Directors
Somers Public Library
October 5, 2015

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

Absent: Mike Gotta

Also present: Francine Aloisa, John Ruocco (leaving at 7:10)

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

Minutes from the September 14 meeting were accepted. Motion made: B. Socha; seconded: M. Vargo)

First Audience of Citizens: None

Treasurer's Report was distributed by Tiffany. It will be filed for audit.

Our financial advisor, John Ruocco, was introduced. John gave us an overview of our Investment accounts and also an overview of the present financial market. Our accounts show conservative growth and are holding relatively steady in today's market.

Correspondence: None

Financial Business.

Invoices were presented for authorization. Motion made to approve: A. Phillips, seconded by M. Gruber. Approved.

Year-to-date Budget was presented and will be filed.

Committees: Policy

The update of the Volunteer Policy was presented. Volunteers will complete an application form. There is training for volunteer jobs. Volunteers may be accepted from various projects but court-ordered alternate sentencing will be referred to Town Hall.

Motion to accept the update made: L. Lindell, seconded: M.Vargo. Passed.

It has been discovered that a patron had broken the copyright law by downloading a movie onto a personal device. We will now have a copyright statement that will be on file and posted in various places within the library to make patrons aware of this law and the consequences.

Building concerns:

The leaf guards on the gutters still need to be installed. Bob has received one estimate of \$1200.00 for the repair and painting of the walls in the Fireplace Room. He is expecting others. The Board gave authority to Bob to make the decision to not exceed \$1200.00. Motion made: S. Renzoni, seconded: M. Gruber. Passed.

Repair to the area in the ceiling behind the stage will be done also.

A layer of plastic on top of the insulation above the ceiling in the Teen Room needs to be done.

Several ceiling tiles in the library need to be replaced.

Heating pumps are not running correctly. Bob will talk to Mechanical Maintenance Co. about this. These should be repaired before cold weather.

Old Business: A final choice of a lectern in memory of Charlotte Siopa was presented. It was recommended that this be purchased from SCHOOLSin Co. for \$400.00. plus shipping. The finish will be mahogany. Motion made to purchase this, using Library Board money. Motion: S. Renzoni, seconded: M. Vargo. Passed. The money collected from outside donations in Charlotte's memory will be used to purchase books and other reading and listening materials.

New Business: The Rec Department Director has met with Francine. A discussion was held about possible joint endeavors for children after school.

Director's Report.

A donation of \$25 has been received from the Bethel Women's Club in memory of Charlotte Stopa.

Staff has attended several workshops. A workshop, a movie and book discussions have been held for patrons this month.

Marie and Francine attended Open House at SES. They set up a table showing the library's services.

Second Audience of Citizens: None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. Next meeting will be November 2.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Lindell

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