

Library Board of Directors
Somers Public Library
March 7, 2016

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

Absent: Andy Phillips

Also present: Francine Aloisa

Chairperson M. Vargo called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Minutes from the February 1, 2016 meeting were accepted. Motion made: S. Warner, seconded: S. Renzoni. (M. Gotta, abstained)

First Audience of Citizens: None

Treasurer's Report was distributed by Tiffany. It will be filed for audit. Tiffany also has the end of year 2015 report and month of January 2016 from John Ruocco for the Board to view.

Correspondence: None

Financial Business.

Invoices were presented for authorization. Motion made to approve: L. Lindell, seconded: M. Gotta. Approved.

Year-to-date Budget was presented and will be filed. The report shows that we have 39.15% left for expenditures for this fiscal year.

Budget Committee: The budget was presented to the Selectmen by Michelle, Shirley and Francine. As we presented a 0% increase budget, there were few questions. In the discussion, the question of salaries for our part-time staff was presented. The Board was directed to gather comparable information of other libraries' salaries. Francine presented that report to us. This will be forwarded to the Selectmen.

Building concerns:

Total Protection has been notified about problems with the alarm system. A representative will be here to look over the system. The problem could be the batteries. Bob has talked to Tolland Dispatch about who should be called in case of alarms ringing. The call list is B. Socha, F. Aloisa, and Bruce Urbon of the DPW.

The Staff Room and Teen Room are not as warm as other parts of the building. It was decided to have heat pumps installed. Three companies have given proposals and quotes. Because there was a discrepancy in prices, Bob will contact the companies to make the services within the proposals more equitable.

A light pole in the parking lot was knocked down by a snow plower. It will be replaced in the spring.

A wooden sign that was on the exterior of the Library when it on Main Street has been found in the basement of Piedmont Hall. It will be placed inside the library. An exterior sign will be considered to be purchased in the future.

Old Business:

The Board has had no response from the Rockett family concerning the John Rockett Memorial CD. Michelle was directed to send the letter again.

New Business:

It was voted to donate a book to the Library in memory of Eleanor Gotta, Mike's mother. It will be a book concerning dogs. Motion made S, Warner, seconded T. Daly. Passed

The Bowers Lacrosse Tournament will be held on June 4 and 5. It was voted (Motion- M. Gotta, second-T. Daly) to close the library on June 4 because of traffic and parking difficulties. Passed.

Mike Gruber and Associate Rich Bosse spent time fixing the projection system. They determined that the capacitors within the scaler power supply were the problem. They were able to have the system working for the movie classic showing the next weekend. It was voted that a thank you note and enclosure of \$25 to show appreciation for his hours of work. (Motion: S. Renzoni, second: S. Renzoni). Passed.

It was voted to reward Francie Clark for the time she has put into her attending classes leading to a Certificate for Library Technician (Motion: B. Socha, second: S. Renzoni). Passed. The reward will be \$100.

Director's Report:

The Friends of the Library will meet on March 14. Plans for the Spring Book Sale on April 8, 9, and 10 will be discussed.

During March and April there is a contest of finding Nancy Pearl, our resident "Librarian Action Figure" hiding in the stacks. If found there will be a small treat and a raffle ticket for a gift basket.

Second Audience of Citizens: None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm. Next meeting will be April 4.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Lindell

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