

Library Board of Directors
Somers Public Library
May 2, 2016

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

Chairperson M. Vargo called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
Minutes from the March 7, 2016 meeting were accepted. Motion made: S. Warner, seconded: T. Daly. Passed.

First Audience of Citizens: None

Treasurer's Report for March and April were distributed by Tiffany. They will be filed for audit.

Correspondence:

A letter of thanks from Francie Clark for the monetary award she received from the Library Board.

An acknowledgement from the Board of Selectmen to our letter about more money for salaries of our part-time personnel has been received. The Selectmen took no action.

Financial Business.

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

Year-to-date Budget was presented and will be filed. It was voted to transfer \$1500.00 from the Electricity Account and \$1500.00 from the Heat Account (for a total of \$3000.00) to the Building Maintenance Account. Motion: A. Phillips, seconded: L. Lindell.

No committee reports were given.

Building concerns:

There is still a problem with the Alarm System. A module needs to be installed. This will allow the alarm to be effective if the battery is not functioning.

Motion made (S. Warner, seconded: S. Renzoni) to contract with Homestead Heating to install heat pumps for Staff and Teen Room for a price of \$8940. Passed. It was voted to have electrical work that will also cost \$1750. (B. Socha, seconded; M. Gruber) These funds will be taken from Library Board Funds.

The light pole in the parking lot that was knocked down by a snow plower has been replaced.

The wooden sign that was on the exterior of the old Library is here and we will decide where we place it.

Old Business:

The Board has had a response from the Rockett family concerning the John Rockett Memorial CD. They are working on a detailed report and will send it to us when it is ready.

New Business:

A Girl Scout is planning and designing a "Butterfly Garden" on part of the front island. This is for a Girl Scout Silver Badge and she is being helped by Jack Kertenis.

It was voted to lease a Savin Copier to replace the copier for public use. It will have no equipment for fax and we will use the coin op that is being used now. The price will be \$145.00 monthly for five years.

Police will be presenting a "lock-down" plan for the Library building in the near future. We will act on that when we receive the plan.

Director's Report:

We received two donations-- Gladys Fedo for \$500 and Village Players for \$50.

Friends of the Library made \$2726 on their Spring Book Sale.

An adult coloring class has been added and has been well-attended.

The Library is participating in "Passport to Connecticut Libraries". People can visit any library in Connecticut and get their passport stamped. There will be a drawing and the winners will receive prizes.

The contest for finding "Nancy Pearl" in our stacks is over. Total of 72 patrons were able to find her.

Second Audience of Citizens: None

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

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Lindell

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