

Library Board of Directors
Somers Public Library
Minutes
September 12, 2011

Members present: Chairperson Shirley Warner, Tiffany Daly, Andrew Phillips, Mike Gotta, Bob Socha, Lois Lindell

Also present: Francine Aloisa, Director

Absent: Dee Moak, Robin Provencher, Charlotte Stopa

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Warner at 6:35 pm.

No minutes of June 7th meeting were available and have not been posted at Town Hall. Shirley read a letter from Town Clerk Logan stating we are in violation of State Statute for not making minutes available for posting within 7 days of meeting. After discussion Shirley was asked to correspond with Robin about this matter and include the letter from the Town Clerk.

Treasurer's Report was distributed and will be filed. As of this date, a check made out to the town is still outstanding. At our next meeting, it will be decided how to proceed if this is not cashed by then.

Audience to Citizens.

Jen Griger made a request that she be allowed to remove some of the vegetation on the library grounds and place them on other places within the complex. The vegetation needs to be thinned and not become more overgrown than it is now. Board members agreed and asked her to proceed. She will be back with a plan before any work is done. Reports will be given as the work proceeds.

Correspondence:

Shirley announced that Connecticut Library Association is offering a Trustee Leadership Conference at the Renaissance Hartford on Nov.10. The topic is "Preparing Your Board for the Future." Anyone interested in attending must pre-register.

A letter was read from Ed Burns stating his retirement from volunteering in the library. He has been faithful in this capacity for many years and the staff has appreciated his work.

A letter was received from Probate Court regarding settlement of Dale Chukey's estate.

Financial Business:

Approval of Invoices: Motion (L. Lindell), second (T. Daly) to approve bills paid. Voted unanimously.

Year-to-date Budget was distributed, discussed and will be filed for audit.

No committee reports were given.

Building:

Items damaged by the snowstorms have been repaired. Outside benches, ceiling tiles, front fascia, gutter guards have been replaced. The Teen Room's ceiling insulation and wood structure above the ceiling will be replaced. Bricks and shingles taken from building during construction have been brought from the town garage and will be installed on the exterior shed by Bob soon.

Bob will write to Trane about on-going problems with them. He will up-date us at our next meeting.

During a training session for hydrant use, the fire Department caused damage to our sprinkler system. We are requesting the department to file an incident report to help in payment for expenses incurred.

Old Business:

The Board has received an acoustic report for the Blake Room from students of U of Hartford. Several options were given for improving the sound quality of that room. The board designated Shirley, Francine and Bob to contact some acoustic companies on ways to proceed.

The new policy of no games on the computers in the Teen Room until 4:00 pm seems to be working.

The State Construction Grant (\$50,000) remaining paperwork needs to be filed by Town's Financial Officer by mid-March, 2012.

Francine has not received a copy of the Certificate of Completion. She will follow-up with Town Hall on this.

New Business:

It was decided to purchase a book in Harvey Claman's memory.

Director's Report

The Summer Reading Program was successful. 347 children were registered. Marie had many compliments

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Lindell