

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SOMERS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD ROOM  
JUNE 3, 2013

PRESENT: Lois Lindell, Dee Moak, Tiffany Daly, Mike Gotta, Bob Socha, Charlotte Stopa, Andrew Phillips, Robin Provencher, Shirley Warner, and Library Director Francine Aloisa.

ABSENT: None

Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Warner at 6:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2013 meeting was made by L. Lindell, seconded by T. Daly and passed unanimously.

2. First Audience of Citizens: No audience.

3. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was presented by T. Daly and accepted as presented and filed for audit.

4. Correspondence: No correspondence.

5. Financial Business:

a. Approval of invoices. Motion to approve payment of invoices by A. Phillips, seconded by M. Gotta and approved unanimously.

b. Year-to-date budget: Reviewed and accepted as presented.

c. Transfers: No transfers.

d. FY 13-14 budget: F. Aloisa advised there has been no new information received regarding the upcoming fiscal year's budget, and that the status of potential salary increases has not been received from the Selectman's office.

6. Committees: There were no committee reports at this time.

7. Building:

a. Outstanding items. F. Aloisa updated the Board regarding repairs that have been completed in the Blake Room, including repairs to the ceiling, the valances were painted, and the floor was sanded polyurethane was applied. However, the polyurethane pooled and dried around the perimeter of the room. The contractor has viewed the issue and will correct it. F. Aloisa also advised that locks have broken on two doors and that West Hartford Lock has repaired them. Lastly, F. Aloisa reported that the custodian has been hearing a leak onto a light fixture in the ceiling, and that there is leak onto the ceiling in the Board Room. B. Socha feels this is likely a heating line and will look into it further.

8. Policy Review: No discussion at this time.

9. Old Business:

a. Long Range Plan. L. Lindell advised that the next meeting will be held on June 6, 2013 to review the updated draft.

b. Bowers Tournament. F. Aloisa passed on comments received from library staff that worked while the tournament was going on, and she feels that this was the best year yet with the least amount of disruption to the operation of the library so far. It was the consensus of the Board that the event was very well run this year.

c. Barbara McGrath, Esq. - CLA presentation. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to request Ms. McGrath's Power Point presentation for review, for which there will be no charge.

10. New Business:

a. Holiday Hours. After a brief discussion, a motion to close the Library on Wednesday, July 3, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. for the holiday was made by A. Phillips, seconded by B. Socha and passed unanimously.

b. Memorial gifts. F. Aloisa advised the Board that Cecelia Becker's father, Wolfgang Kost, passed away recently, and that Kathy Caruso, a former Library employee, passed away suddenly last week. A motion was made that the Board donate a book in memory of Mr. Kost and Ms. Caruso was made by R. Provencher, seconded by B. Socha and passed unanimously.

c. Authorization for Chairman or Treasurer to approve invoices.

d. Authorization for Chairman or Treasurer to approve transfers.

A motion to authorize the Chairman or the Treasurer to approve invoices and to approve transfers over the summer hiatus was made by B. Socha, seconded by L. Lindell and passed unanimously.

11. Director's Report: F. Aloisa reported that there were many visits by third grade classes who were researching animals, by first grade classes for stories and to prepare for the summer reading program, and that second grade classes are expected tomorrow. Also, a new ad for the Library has been placed with the North Central News that will begin in the upcoming edition.

S. Warner reported a new summer format for the Village Players, who will be performing Seussical outdoors at Worthington Pond Farm and in preparation for the performance, cast members may do readings at the Library, in costume, in August. Also that a sign up sheet for weeding volunteers, as discussed at the last meeting, has been posted in the lobby but with limited response thus far.

F. Aloisa advised the Board that Kathy Gebhart, who has been extremely active as part of Friends of the Library, is moving out of the area. The Friends are losing another very hard worker and new members are needed.

12. Second Audience to Citizens: None.

13. Adjournment: With no further business to be considered, Chairwoman Warner declared the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Provencher  
Secretary

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