

Library Board of Directors
Somers Public Library
February 4, 2019

Members present: Lisa Gladysz, Mike Gruber, Bonnie Mazzoli, Andy Phillips, Sharon Renzoni, Bob Socha, Shirley Warner, Kathy Worcester
Absent (excused): Eugene Grayson
Also present: Jessica Miller

Shirley Warner called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

Minutes from the January 7, 2019 meeting were presented and reviewed. Motion made to accept: B. Socha; seconded: S. Renzoni. Passed.

First and Second Audience to Citizens:

Mr. Paul Salva and Mr. Wayne Dumas informed the Board about plans Mr. S. Prestley Blake has for bequeathing his properties, including Monticello, to Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Michigan to be used as the college's east coast education and conference center. The gentlemen are meeting with many town civic groups to share information about Mr. Blake's plans and the impact it will have on the town and surrounding communities.

Correspondence:

The Board received an email via A. Phillips regarding a Friendly's Ice Cream history program being offered to local libraries. J. Miller will get in touch with the author of the email to learn more about the program.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was distributed and discussed. The report will be filed for audit.

Financial Business:

Invoices were presented for authorization. Motion made to approve the invoices presented for payment, S. Renzoni; seconded, B. Mazzoli. Approved.

The year-to-date budget to actual report for January 2019 was distributed and individual items discussed. The report will be filed for audit.

Committees:

Building & Maintenance – J. Miller reported that the library experienced issues with water in the oil tank and piping. She is waiting for a report from Hugh's Mechanical outlining their findings and any recommendations to avoid further issues.

Friends of the Library Liaison – B. Mazzoli reported that the Friends have a book sale coming up at the end of March. The Friends are currently collecting book donations. As the sale continues through Sunday, B. Mazzoli

made a motion for the library to be open during book sale hours on Sunday, March 31st. M. Gruber seconded. Motion passed.

Strategic Planning Committee – S. Warner read an email report submitted by E. Grayson. The committee is developing their long-term goals and working to refine the survey questions. They are also finalizing their survey distribution plans.

Old Business:

- Emergency Preparedness – J. Miller and B. Socha will attend the EPAC committee meeting this coming Thursday. Sonitrol will provide an updated security system quote based on a tiered plan whereby security improvements may be made in phases.
- Bylaw review – S. Warner presented a revised draft of the Board’s bylaws. The Board reviewed and made final changes. A motion was made by L. Gladysz to approve the bylaws with the minor edits discussed; S. Renzoni seconded. The bylaws were unanimously approved.

New Business:

- B. Socha proposed an idea for lendable instruments for the Board’s consideration. The Enfield Public Library is considering a similar program. The Board will consider it at a future date.
- J. Miller presented a program proposal from Brooke Morrill, Teen Librarian, for a possible harmonica program. The library received a donation of 24 new harmonicas. The program would include a presentation and introductory lesson in playing the harmonica with possible distribution of the instruments to attendees. Further details will be presented and considered at the next board meeting.
- J. Miller informed the Board about a book launch event happening on February 24th. Local author, Renata Bowers, is launching her sixth book. The event will be held in the Blake Room.

Director’s Report:

J. Miller reviewed the Director’s report with the Board. Several items were discussed, including the success of January’s movie, the afterschool snack time, and Hoopla statistics. The report was accepted as presented.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm. Next meeting will be March 4, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Gladysz

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