

Library Board of Directors
Somers Public Library
March 4, 2019

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

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

Minutes from the February 4, 2019 meeting were presented and reviewed. Motion made to accept: B. Socha; seconded: S. Renzoni. Passed.

First and Second Audience to Citizens: None

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report:

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

Financial Business:

John Ruocco of Asset Management Associates presented a summary of the library endowment investments and discussed the investment performance for 2018, including the Q4 2018 market downturn, and year-to-date 2019 recovery. He reviewed the asset allocation and the different investment vehicles. The Board made no changes to the investment direction or the investment allocation.

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 February 2019 was distributed and individual items discussed. The report will be filed for audit.

Committees:

Building & Maintenance – B. Socha reported that the lock sets on the restroom doors will be replaced. It was also reported that one proposal for landscape management was received. The Board will solicit additional proposals before selecting a provider.

Friends of the Library Liaison – B. Mazzoli reported that the Friends have a book sale coming up at the end of March. B. Socha expressed his appreciation for all that the Friends group does and suggested the Board do something to express our gratitude. S. Renzoni made a motion for the Board to purchase a \$250 gift card to

present to the Friends for their annual end of the year celebratory dinner. Seconded by B. Socha. Motion passed.

Strategic Planning Committee – J. Miller reported on behalf of E. Grayson that the Committee is finalizing their town survey which will be administered soon. The Committee plans to solicit feedback from the Middle School and High School students, as well as online and paper surveys of town residents.

Old Business:

- Emergency Preparedness – J. Miller and B. Socha attended the Board of Selectmen and CIP meetings to review the proposal for the security improvements and ballistic window film. The project was supported by the Selectmen, who then voted to send the project to the CIP Committee. The CIP Committee challenged the Board’s proposed cost sharing and asked it to reconsider. After much discussion, B. Socha made a motion to amend the Board’s proposal as follows: the Board will pay \$37,000 towards the Sonitrol portion of the project with the Town paying for the ballistic film. This will necessitate an amendment to the Library’s budget to include the monthly monitoring fees. S. Renzoni seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- J. Miller reported that the harmonica program is scheduled for April 2nd in the evening. It is open to teens and adults.
- Fagan memorial contributions – no update this month.

New Business:

- The automatic shades in the Blake room continue to be an issue. J. Miller will research new vendors and alternatives for replacement.
- S. Warner reported that on Saturday, March 16th, there will be a Centennial Celebration whereby the American Legion will present to the library a History of the Connecticut American Legion Family from 1919 - 2019.
- J. Miller will be one of the featured speakers at the upcoming CT Library Association Conference. L. Gladysz made a motion to spend \$215 to pay for J. Miller’s attendance at the 2-day conference. Seconded by K. Worcester. Motion passed.

Director’s Report:

J. Miller reviewed the Director’s report with the Board. Several items were discussed, including attendance at the various programs and a successful book launch event for Renata Bowers. The report was accepted as presented.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm. Next meeting will be April 1, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Gladysz