

HARWINTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Minutes of the Library Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday, January 6, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Art. Members attending were Leslie, Betsy, Art, Rich, Naomi, Debbie, Patti, and Mac Beatty. Also in attendance were Library Director Alice Freiler.

Public input: 1 visitor, Carol Symonds.

**Secretary's report:**

Motion to accept the Secretary's report by Betsy unanimous.

**Treasurer's report:**

Motion to accept report as presented by Debbie; unanimous.

**Director's report:**

- There was no Board of Director's meeting in December due to weather.
- 11 pieces of art were sold at the December show.
- Leslie to contact Dave Bousquet regarding the sign on Rt 118.
- The annual fund amount to date is \$12,343. \$700 has come in via digital donations through the web site.
- A separate account has been set up for the accumulation of digital donations.
- Alice is reviewing the status of downloadable media now and will present her findings at the next meeting.
- Alice is working on the budget now.
- There was a problem with the furnace in November that required a service call.
- Water was found leaking through the ceiling in the Director's office. It is unknown as yet how serious it is but it seems that the new Library roof is leaking. Dave Bousquet is looking into it.
- There will be training next week of the Library staff on the use of fire equipment.
- We have received a \$2000 grant from the Thomaston Savings Bank. Money is being used for the purchase of several tablets for library patrons.
- 8 new chairs have been purchased.
- The seed library has been very successful.
- AARP tax prep is proceeding. To date there are 3 volunteers and a fourth is still needed

Motion to accept report as presented by Leslie; unanimous.

**Committee reports:**

- Art: Currently on display is a selection of locally made quilts.
- Finance: Items have already been discussed
- Computer/Technology: No report.
- Fundraising: Items have already been discussed
- Building / Property: Items have already been discussed
- Investments: Items have already been discussed
- Correspondence:
  - Motion by Leslie to renew membership in the Association of Library Boards, \$100; unanimous
- Strategic planning: No report
- Other business:
  - At the next meeting Carol Symonds will be nominated for a position on the Board
  - Motion by Leslie for new positions; unanimous.
    - Debbie to be nominated for the position of Treasurer
    - Mac to be nominated for the position of Secretary
    - Changes to be effective at the next meeting

Motion to adjourn at 7:54 by Leslie; unanimous

Next meeting: Monday, 2-3-2020 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Malcolm Beatty

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