

HARWINTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Minutes of the Library Board of Directors Meeting Monday, May 3, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Leslie. Members attending were Leslie, Carol, Betsy, Art, Debbie, Patti and Mac Beatty. Also in attendance was Library Director Alice Freiler.

Public input: We have two visitors, Jill Maher and Will Siss

Secretary's report:

- Discussion on a revision to the originally submitted 4-5-2021 meeting minutes; change from "Renewal of RB Digital for \$750" to "Renewal of RB Digital for \$250"
- Motion by Art to accept the revised Secretary's report; unanimous.

Treasurer's report:

Motion by Art to accept the Treasurer's report; unanimous.

Director's report:

- Motion by Leslie to purchase a book in Naomi's name, cost not to exceed \$30; unanimous.
- The next town meeting is scheduled for 5-18. Board members who were not officially appointed last year must be present at the meeting to go through the formal process.
- The dehumidifier in the basement is now connected but is not emptying as it should. It is being worked on.
- New computers: There has been an anonymous donation of 2 computers and one PC has been purchased by the town.
- The generator grant has been declined by the Board of Finance and the Selectmen have said it must go through a formal bidding process.
- The library is eligible for a \$15653 grant through the American Rescue Plan Act.
- The reopening is going smoothly. There has been no resistance to wearing masks.
- The Sustainable Shelves program is working out fine.
- Discussion on Acorn TV, which is ending its streaming services to libraries. An alternative recommendation is Hoopla. Motion by Leslie to commit \$1500 to Hoopla for a 6-month trial period; unanimous.
- For the Plant, Book and Bake Sale the town has directed that social distancing rules are to be followed. We are to ask that patrons who refuse to follow them leave.
- For the Plant, Book and Bake sale wagons are still needed.
- Discussion on the fundraising letter.
- Motion by Debbie to accept the Director's Report as presented; unanimous.

Committee reports:

- Art:
 - New show to be hung this weekend.
- Finance: no report
- Computer/Technology: no report
- Fundraising: no report
- Building / Property: no report
- Governance: no report
- Investments: no report
- Correspondence: no report
- Strategic planning: no report
- Other business: None

Motion by Art at 7:54 to adjourn; unanimous.

Next meeting: Monday, 6/7/2021 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Malcolm Beatty

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