

HARWINTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – Monday, March 6, 2017

Unapproved Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Leslie Flowers.

Trustees Present: Karen Kelleher, Leslie Flowers, Patti Sederquist, Barbara Buss, Art Potwin, Rich Agoston, Debby Janssens, Mac Beatty, and Jamie O'Meara were present. Also present was Library Director, Alice Freiler.

Public Input: Dave Skibiski attended the meeting.

Secretary's Report: One change necessary to the February minutes: last month's meeting took place on February 6, 2017, not 2016 as written. Motion to accept the minutes from the meeting with the correct year made by B. Buss, seconded by K. Kelleher. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: The report shows that Alice is doing a great job with grants- she has received \$6275 to date, compared to \$2000 the previous year. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by P. Sederquist, seconded by K. Kelleher. Approved.

Librarian's Report: Highlights include: Membership dues for Northwest Connecticut Arts Council (\$45) will be paid from the Board's art fund. From the Civic Family Services grant, the library plans to begin a seed library. Money will be spent on a speaker and supplies. Bethlehem Library has a seed library that library staff plan to check out. Yoga continues to be very popular with classes being filled from waiting lists. Upcoming programs include Puddin'heads: Children in Colonial America, a balloon twisting workshop, and the R.E.A.D. dogs. The door lock was stuck. New keys have been cut. An issue with a funky bathroom smell has been resolved. Batteries have been replaced in the AED machine. The AARP tax program continues to run smoothly after resolving a wi-fi issue. Advice from the Northwestern Connecticut directors' roundtable includes staying open throughout renovations and paying professional movers. The library was closed on February 9th due to inclement weather. The budget is on track. Professional development money will be spent for a conference in Groton. Staff evaluations begin this month. A motion to accept the Librarian's Report was made by B. Buss, seconded by K. Kelleher. Approved.

Committee Reports:

- **Art:** Marilyn Davis and Gerald Hardy will be exhibiting their work.

- **Budget:** Things are on track.
- **Computers:** no new news
- **Fundraising:** support continues; suggestions for a mini-golf fundraiser and an art fundraiser were discussed
- **Property and Building:** the bid went out; the proposed cost is estimated between \$4.2 and \$4.9 million with a \$1 million grant; the board has pledged \$100,000, the Friends have pledged \$10,000, community members have pledged \$28,000. Cost to taxpayers for a home assessed at \$200,000 would be \$10/month. Necessary renovation costs on the aging building are projected to be over \$1 million.
- **Governance:** no update
- **Policy:** Sections 4 and 5 were reviewed and hours updated; section 6 next month
- **Correspondence:** none

Other Business: Dave Skibiski attended the meeting. He shared that the library staff works hard, helps patrons, and helps with computers.

Motion to adjourn was made by B. Buss, seconded by D. Janssens. Approved at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie O'Meara, Secretary

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