

HARWINTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – October 5, 2015

Unapproved Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Co-Chair Karen Kelleher.

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

Public Input: Mac Beatty and Debby Janssens attended the meeting.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept the minutes from the September meeting as written made by R. Agoston, seconded by L. Flowers. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by L. Flowers. Seconded by A. Potwin. Approved.

Librarian's Report: The library's budget is right on target. Rachel Morris was hired as a clerk. Interviews for the library page position will be this week. The ILL is still down, and the latest state budget revisions will likely affect it. We may lose some databases through ICONN.org. And our C-Car driver retired. We are trying to encourage more downloading of periodicals because we get limitless subscriptions so more people can read and share them. Memorial donations have been received, and the annual appeal is going well. Eversource conducted an energy analysis and found we are using 165% of the energy we "should" be using. We will save an estimated \$5000 per year by bringing the building up to code. The Friends' craft sale is scheduled for December 5. There is a representative from the Friends' attending planning meetings for the Hometown Holiday Celebration. The library can host an activity, but not vendors, and the library will not serve coffee. There is an error message on the furnace and the library doesn't have heat.

Motion to accept the librarian's report made by B. Buss. Seconded by A. Potwin. Approved.

Committee Reports:

- **Art:** A mixed media show will be coming next, followed by quilters in January, Girl Scouts in March (for a badge), and maybe another juried show in May/June.
- **Budget:** All is well.
- **Computers:** We are looking for an update on the fiber.

- **Fundraising:** The annual appeal is out. Bill Ndini has offered a performance with his Irish singing friend, Mary Deady. We are looking at an event in the late winter or early spring. We discussed the possibility of allowing people to make pledges for the library expansion project.
- **Property and Building:** There was lots of interest in the expansion project at the Harwinton Fair last weekend. On Tuesday Alice should hear back about dates for the town meeting. We want to hold public informational meetings first. There are two dates for the library to host meetings and two other dates for town information sessions.
- **Governance:** A motion to elect Mac Beatty to the Harwinton Public Library Board of Trustees to fill the position vacated by Marilyn Mitchell was made by K. Kelleher. Seconded by B. Buss. Approved unanimously.
- **Correspondence:** We will send a note to the Oneglia family.

Other Business: We will be contacting the high school video club about the possibility of making a video for the library.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:43pm by B. Buss. Seconded by L. Flowers. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie O'Meara, Secretary

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