

meeting called to order by Chairwoman Judi Baraly at 4:36pm

attendance: Judi Baraly, Maureen Spilsbury, Karen Haskell, Cliff Stark, Meg Lambert, James Lupolt, Jen Haynes, Director. Absent w/notice, Kathleen Eames

Approval/correction to December minutes: Meg moved to accept the minutes, the motion was seconded and approved. There was no January meeting in lieu of the trustee and staff holiday party.

Standing Reports:

Treasurer's: Maureen reviewed November and December reports as she was absent for the December meeting. She noted that Edward Jones accounts have accrued \$766/59 in dividends which we can collect or continue to reinvest. Karen made a motion to reinvest the funds. The motion was seconded and approved. Cliff moved to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and approved.

Director's: Jen reviewed the activities at the library over the past 2 months. She and staff are focused on increasing programming. They plan to liaison with local schools, the senior center and other facilities in the area. Story and craft nights are seeing regular attendance. There was discussion regarding charging fees for library events such as programs and crafts. Cliff moved that the library continue to offer their services and programs for free. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Jen has opted out of LUV Coop DVD and audio books due to lack of interest in recent years but would like to try using their video game lending program. It was agreed to try this and see how it is received. A staff member will be leaving as of March 30, 2024 and Jen feels that she may only need to hire a sub for Saturdays, an occasional Wednesday evening and some vacation or sick days. The coffee bar and after school snacks are up and running and can be resupplied as needed out of funds from the Book Sale. The library is planning a welcome package for people new to town, more on that next month. Jen is planning to drop Mango due lack of interest. It was agreed to try to promote it better first. Maureen moved to accept the Director's report. The motion was seconded and approved.

Old Business: nothing has changed re: phone and fire alarm systems. No one has investigated SimpliSafe.

New Business: Annual reports have been submitted.

Trustees up for re-election have submitted their names to be added to the ballot. Jen mentioned that she has heard from two other people who are considering running as well.

Jen reiterated that we should review library policies and procedures. Maureen recommended we wait until the election is complete then form a committee to proceed with the review.

We discussed subscriptions via Overdrive, Flipster or Epsco to offer online magazines to patrons.

There are currently no newspapers available at the library other than Our Town. Trustees would like to have at least a weekly paper available, perhaps the Valley News.

A patron recently donated a large collection of Stephen King books for the 2024 book sale. We will continue to accept book donations on an individual basis. If someone offers a collection Jen will email trustees to decide.

Maureen asked to have library staff write a thank you to the Food Shelf who donated snack food items for after school snacks at the library.

Maureen moved to adjourn, the motion was seconded and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46pm by Chairwoman Judi Baraly.

Minutes submitted by Karen Haskell, Secretary.