Silsby Free Public Library

Library Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 9th, 2022

Attendance and Additions to Agenda

Members Present: Jim Fowler, Judi Baraly, Becky Bailey, Maureen Spilsbury, Karen Haskell, Shannon Glidden, Diane Town & Jen Haynes (Director)

Public: Kathleen Eames

A. Meeting called to order at 4:32

B. Minutes, January 2022

• Maureen motioned to accepted. Judi seconded. Motion Passed.

C. Standing Reports:

- 1. Treasurer's Report
 - Donation made with specific request to be used in the Children's section
 - Deposit from NH Common Funds larger than usual can be used for programs/materials to really impact community (in addition to the budget)
 - Possibility of adding to digital book resources (have own library)
 - Edward Jones accounts reinvested money rather than take a check since the library received the larger donation
 - Lawn Account \$3, 536.43 (received bill for \$492)
 - Judi requested that the lawn account be added to the monthly treasurer's report
 - Karen motioned to approve. Shannon seconded. Motion passed.

2. Director's Report

- Under spent our budget again this year
- Reviewing park and museum passes to see what should be renewed and which we should pass on
- Kelly joined on as the adult services director planning the year ahead
- Sandy continuing guitar lessons currently 2 regular students
- Air conditioners are going in right now. Zajac has begun installation & electrician (Jimmy Ells) installed panel.
- Winter Carnival February 26th will be building igloo for the kids. Reached out to community for donations of ice blocks
- Looking ahead to summer reading program (ocean theme) Eileen will be getting started on crafts and projects for that will be opened up

- Online Spark Joy program between 4 libraries (cost effective) and will be looking into more opportunities like this
- Maureen motioned to accept directors report. Diane seconded. Motioned passed.
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D. Old Business:

1. Trustee Renewals Ballot Filing

- Maureen & Karen on ballot
- Write in Kathy to replace Becky

2. Long Range Plan

- Plans have been taken down
- Jim brought some examples to the meeting
- Question raised whether we should discuss/develop plan together or if a sub-committee could better complete
- Before beginning to develop create a survey to send out to town to see what things they would like to see at the library
- Trustees should send Jim 1-2 questions for the survey from which we will create the survey once survey is completed committee can be formed to develop Long Range Plan

3. Library Lot Update

- Money raised to meet LCHIP of the funds leftover, time elapsed and therefore the funds are no longer available (it was unspent because the grading didn't get done because we lost the contractor)
- Judi spoke to this waiting to hear back as to where/why the money is gone as it was a mandated capital account LCHIP accepted final report so last check should be arriving to the town from them
- Light Post Plaques 8 plaques to go on 4 posts (names on each side)
- Front Lawn Grading & Bench could use lawn lot funds to purchase, once snow goes away patio will be power washed and put sand in the cracks to fill

E. New Business

1. Building Repairs

- old part attic insulation, handicap access, north side stewardship says maintenance will be done inside and out.
- Jim mentioned that a push button should be added to the door where the ramp is to help with accessibility
- 2. Warrant Article #12 Library accepts gifts of personal property donated

- If the donation is under \$5000 and a donation in kind trustees approve
- If the donation is valued over \$5000, it needs to be approved by a public hearing
- Article is already in place just "housekeeping" to reinforce what is already around
- Trustees will add acknowledgement of donations to monthly agenda in the future

3. Survey Background Checks

- Town requires background checks they are completed prior to employment
- 52% of libraries surveyed require background checks
- How long is it good for when employees leave and come back after an extended period of time

4. Library Hours

- It was brought up to have hours on the sign outside so town people can see them from the road
- Jen will put sticky numbers up on the board
- **F.** Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Judi. Seconded by Shannon. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:56.

Next Business Meeting: Wednesday, March 9th, 2022

Minutes Submitted by Becky Bailey