

Brownell Library Trustee

Meeting Minutes

December 15th, 2015

At 7:10 PM Christine Packard called the meeting to order.

Trustees in attendance were Daisy Benson, Andy Kolovos, Christine Packard, Sheila Porter, Linda Costello, Nikki Yandow, Nina Curtiss, and Dottie Bergendahl & Erin Egan

Brownell staff members in attendance were Wendy Hysko and Susan Pierce.

Absent: Carmelle Terborgh

Minutes

The minutes of the November 17th meeting were reviewed. Dottie moved and Sheila seconded the approval of the minutes. Motion passed.

Financial Report

The Financial report was reviewed and acknowledged.

The December 8th Budget meeting with the Village Trustees went great.

Announcements

Reports

Director and Staff Report:

Andy asked Wendy if she had gotten an estimate for re-pointing the chimney. She does not have this estimate yet but should within two weeks.

Sheila talked about Carmelle's GIS day and how much the chickens enjoyed it.

Committee Reports: none

Foundation/Friends Report(s):

Both groups voted to merge their organizations. A meeting is planned for January 13th with Wendy, Cathy Shearer, Christine Baker and consultant, Jane Van Buren.

Old Business

Essex Reporter digitization update – Wendy learned that the Essex Reporter was on their list of materials to rescue in the event of an emergency. When Wendy spoke with the State Library, she found out that they have microfilm from 1906 with only about eight months missing.

Review of Board Responsibilities/Partnerships – Board was asked to think about their resources and to be out in community talking about library. List of existing community relationships:

Rotary – Dottie to check with Penny

Lions Club – Carmelle

Masons – Nikki

VFW – Erin

GMCR – Nikki

Global Foundries – Christine

Fairgrounds – Wendy to ask Mary

Essex Reporter -

New Business

Lake Monsters – Discussed a fundraiser for library for which we would sell tickets for a certain game and get slightly discounted tickets. A portion of profits goes to library. Date proposed is June 25 6:05. Nikki suggested asking the LM if Library Foundation could be the charity for that night's 50/50 raffle and to see if LM would join Memorial Day parade.

Teen Trustee – Marc resigned. Erin will ask Mary about other interested teens.

Space Planning Project – A new carpet will be installed in front area, youth and picture book room. Wendy invited Trustees to offer any suggestions on changes in use of current space.

1st Wednesday – December went well, good attendance. A different professor will lecture in January on Shakespeare. Essex Reporter has not been good about press releases. Wendy will connect to see what we could change in order to improve coverage.

Adjournment

Dottie moved to end meeting, Andy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:17.

Respectfully submitted, Sheila Porter