

Minutes of the January 15, 2019 Brownell Library Trustees Meeting

Christine Packard called the meeting to order at 7:07

Present: Dottie Bergendahl, Andy Kolovos, Helen Donahey, Linda Costello, Sheila Porter, Christine Packard, Ann Wadsworth, Beth Custer, Spenser Messier, Carrie Egan, Jeanne Grant, Joe Knox, Wendy Hysko, Hannah Tracy, and Bonnie Doble from the Essex Free Library Board.

Minutes

Ann moved and Sheila seconded the acceptance of the minutes of the December 2018 meeting as presented. The motion passed

Financial Report

The Train Hop expenses have been paid by the Foundation from the Trustee's funds. The year to date library budget is on track.

Announcements

Linda recommends the book "Becoming".

Foundation book sale is having a "Buck a bag" until Jan. 19.

Two new programs:

Great Decisions an eight part discussion series starts in February.

Rich Winston will talk about his book "Red Scare in the Green Mountains: The McCarthy Era in Vermont 1946-1960" on March 25.

Essex Cinema will show "How to Train Your Dragon" on Feb. 21 at 10AM asking for donations of new children's books for admission.

The annual Ground Hog Day volunteer party is February 5.

Reports

Sheila commended the staff on their actions with disruptive tweens and teens. Early school dismissal days have been difficult.

Bonnie Doble from the Essex Free Library Board said she is impressed with the amount of information in the Director and Staff report.

Old Business

Trustee Portrait photo needs to be scheduled with Wayne Pierce.

Budget day with the Village Trustees went well.

The Village Trustees asked general questions

about Brownell operations. Wendy expressed some concern about how the change in some line items out of the library budget will work in the future.

Strategic plan process

The current plan was written between 2012 and 2014. The new plan needs to be written in 2019. Christine is forming a committee with staff members Wendy, Hannah, and someone from the youth department plus library trustees Linda, Beth, Andy and Sheila. She will invite some library patrons also. They will meet once a month. The first meeting will be before our next Trustee meeting They will collect information from the community until the end of summer. Then prepare a list of goals and action plans.

Security camera policy work is waiting for information from the Village attorney.

New Business

Future meeting minute recorders will be: Sheila in Feb. Ann in March, Jeanne in April, Joe in May, Beth in June, Linda in Aug. and Helen in Sept.

Library Trustee Board Officer Election.

Helen nominated and Linda seconded Christine for chairperson, Andy for vice-chair Joe for treasurer and Sheila for secretary. The motion passed.

Essex Eats Out

Helen reported that St James Church could use help with this program. Their next meal night is Friday Jan. 18. The organizers are meeting on Jan. 22 at 6:30 pm.

There is an Essex Eats Out website on which we can volunteer our help.

Town Meeting is Monday March 4 at 7. We are asked to attend.

Village Meeting will be on Wednesday April 3. at 7:30.

Three library trustees need to run for reelection and need petitions signed.

Jeanne for a 2 year term

Helen for a 3 year term

Beth for a 5 year term

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm

Respectfully submitted, Dottie Bergendahl