

Minutes of the Library Board of Trustees – August 17, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in the library. Those in attendance: Pat Levine, Chair; Frances Roth, Secretary; Martin Mitsoff, Trustee and Library Director Karen Lindquist

1. Review of July minutes: The minutes from July meeting were read and approved.
2. Director's Report: Read and accepted.
3. Long-Range Planning Committee Update: A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 21st from 3:00 to 5:00.
4. Parking Area Lighting Update: Martin delivered a proposal for the installation of this lighting system to the select board. The necessity of this lighting system was agreed to by all. The town administrator is investigating the availability of funds for this project. Karen has been authorized to use some of the library funds toward the purchase price. The Friends of the Library will also be asked to contribute if it should be necessary.
5. Water Fountain Update: The fountain has been installed in the lobby of the library.
6. Honorarium Policy: This policy varies widely among the local libraries. The amount is based on the popularity of the presenter and the library budget. While the trustees welcome volunteers to present programs, we will consider an honorarium. Karen will draft a formal policy for the board to review.
7. Meeting Room Policy: Pat spoke with the state ethics attorney regarding the use of the meeting room for political events. According to the attorney these meetings are legal as long as no monies are solicited. They are treated as informational presentations to the community.
8. AIRY Project: Arts in Recovery for Youth (a suicide-prevention program for teens) is a non-profit group looking for a venue in south county. This program has been very successful in Pittsfield. The need for this type of program in south county is growing, and the library will offer our space for their use.
9. Trustee Items:
 - Gardener replacement – Karen is still waiting to hear from the person she initially contacted.
 - Parking for Mark Scarborough's program in September will be done with the assistance of Chief Munson.
 - Jerry Posner fixed the lap mic and will train Karen on how to use it.
 - Martin proposed having library events mentioned at select board meetings.
 - Martin congratulated Caitlin on the Ukrainian exhibit and the press coverage it received.
10. Next Meeting Date: September 12th at 9:00 a.m.
11. Meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Roth, Secretary