

C. H. Booth Library Minutes
Board of Trustees Meeting
August 12, 2014

Present: Bob Geckle, Michelle Rosenthal, Bill McCarthy, Laura Goldstein, Colleen Honan, Ted Meehan, Walt Motyka, Anne Rothstein, Carolyn Signorelli, Julie Starkweather, Michael Talluto, John Trentacosta

Absent: Geraldine Carley, Tom D'Agostino, Martha Robilotti, Raymond Irrera, Mark Principi

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Bob Geckle, President of the Board

Consideration of Minutes: *John Trentacosta moved to accept the minutes of the July 8, 2014 regular meeting and the annual meeting. The motion passed.*

Public Participation:

None

President's Announcements: Bob Geckle President, welcomed new trustee Anne Rothstein. Board received letter from Friends thanking it for its support for the Friend's Dinner. Staff appreciation dinner will be on September 12, 2014 at the Geckle's; members signed

Treasurer's Report: Bill McCarthy, Treasurer, reported that the July numbers were not final yet. He highlighted aspects of the 2014/2015 budget for the benefit of new members present.

Bill proposed that \$25,000.00 of the \$70,000.00 received from the insurance claim for flood losses be placed in the Reserve Fund. *John Trentacosta moved and his motion was seconded that the full \$70,000.00 be placed in the Reserve fund. After discussion a friendly amendment was offered by Jackie Starkweather and seconded to place \$40,000.00 in Reserve and allow the Library staff to begin replacing lost property with the remaining \$30,000.00; motion passed.*

Report of the Library Director: Brenda McKinley, Library Director reported that 2 strong candidates to replace her in her former position had emerged from the interview process and that the final choice would be made soon. Brenda reported that July statistics reflected 13,800 patrons and circulation was at 24,000. Beryl is now splitting her time 50/50 between Assistant Director and Reference. Brenda provided a copy of the ad the Library will be putting in the Labor Day Parade Book.

Committee Reports:

Policies and Personnel: Bob reported that committee will meet on Thursday, August 14, 2014 to discuss by-law revisions.

Fund Raising: Ted Meehan provided copies of finalized Sponsor Registration Forms for the Turkey Trot and indicated that trustees should think of businesses that can be approached to

purchase sponsorships. Registration forms will be made available at the Labor Day Race and promotional efforts will begin in earnest after then so as not to compete with that event.

Building, Grounds, and Interior: Bob provided update on maintenance issues and grounds projects on behalf of Tom D'Agostino.

Long Range Planning: Bob reported that efforts to address strategic plan underway.

Friends of the Library Liaison: Julie Starkweather reported that the book sale was a success and she appreciated the help of those Board members who participated. The organizers are more selective now regarding what books get put in sale and about 2/3 of donated books were sold by the pound to an organization that provides books to countries in need. The sale is seeing fewer dealers and more residents. The Friends are already planning for the Holiday Sale.

Art/ Historical Liaison: Michelle Rosenthal reported she is working with 3 artists for fall installations.

Nominating Committee:

Colleen Honan reported that we now have 17 of the 18 trustee positions filled. There are three potential candidates being considered for the last vacancy.

Old Business: Mike Talluto will be in the Labor Day Parade with his vintage tractor and is willing to display a banner or flag for the library.

New Business: Bill McCarthy requested that the Executive Committees decision to secure Studley & White for our audit be ratified. *Walt Motyka moved to ratify the expenditure of \$8000.00 for an audit; motion passed.*

Bob Geckle passed out the Maker Space Waiver of Liability and Media Release forms for review. *Carolyn Signorelli moved to approve the form and the motion passed.*

Bob passed out committee assignments and suggestions for each committees' focus. In addition, he reminded the trustees of the importance of working in conjunction with the Library Director and staff on any initiatives.

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Signorelli
Secretary
CH Booth Library Board of Trustees