

The Cyrenius H. Booth Library Minutes
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 12, 2016

Present: Robert Geckle, Michelle Rosenthal, Donna Rahtelli, Laura Goldstein, Raymond Irrera, Julie Starkweather, Mark Principi, Walter Motyka, Colleen Honan, Matt Mihalcek, Tom D'Agostino, Brenda McKinley, Anne Rothstein

Absent: Bill McCarthy, Michael Talluto

Meeting called to order at 7:10PM by Robert Geckle

Consideration of Minutes: Julie Starkweather motioned to accept the March 8, 2016 minutes. Anne Rothstein seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Public Participation: None

President's Announcements: Bob Geckle welcomed Amy Dent, the Democratic Town Committee Nominee, who will be replacing Geraldine Carley. The staff appreciation dinner is set for May 13th at Bob's home 6pm. A list was passed to sign up for food for the evening. If someone is unable to make the dinner, kindly drop off your item.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was presented by Bob Geckle in Bill McCarthy's absence. We reviewed the Friends spending to date and will make a request for the 3rd disbursement. Matt Mihalcek made a motion to request the 3rd disbursement of funds from Friends and Walter Motyka seconded it.

Report of the Library Director: In reference to the flood recovery, Brenda McKinley met with the adjuster and has received the statement of loss. The grant for the maker space was approved by the bond commission in the amount of \$27,500.

Committee Reports:

Governance – Colleen Honan reported 3 people have been interviewed for the vacancies on the board. Christene Freedman has many ideas for fundraising and will be an asset to the board. Colleen Honan motioned to accept Christene Freedman as a board member. Julie Starkweather seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed. We are currently at 16 members.

Development – Matt Mihalcek revamped packet of potential sponsors. Each board member is asked to choose businesses they feel comfortable approaching or have a connection. New Balance and Woodbridge are on board to give discounts to the runners and sponsor the race. A survey is being sent to all potential runners. We have set a goal of \$45,000 net for the turkey trot. Bob Geckle will ask the police about the possibility of taking 1500 runners. There is a possibility of a small fundraiser in the Fall.

Long Range Planning – The planning committee consists of 16 people. As of this date, they have participated in 3 meetings. Service priorities are set. The proposed Mission Statement is as follows: The Cyrenius H. Booth Library’s mission is to promote the joy of lifelong learning, stimulate curiosity, support the exchange of ideas, and provide a welcoming gathering place for our community. Mark Principi made a motion to accept the new mission statement and Michelle Rosenthal seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Building and Grounds Committee – A new air coil unit will be purchased. A new hot water heater was purchased at a price of \$750 and replaced in the meeting room closet. As we look to the future for roof repairs, an estimate of \$10,000 is expected. Currently there is \$1500 which has been collected for the Jack Harrison memorial patio.

Art and History – Currently there will be an art exhibit featuring oil paintings. The staff is considering putting on their own art show. Scan is also scheduled for April. The spreadsheets listing all inventory is now complete. Some items may go to the town. Julie Starkweather made a motion to use United Housewrecking Inc. to take leftover construction material in the attic dating from the 1997 addition. Anne Rothstein seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Friends of the Library Liaison – Donation Day is scheduled for Sunday the 17th. A board meeting will occur on Monday to approve the third installment to the library and to discuss vision projects.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Julie Starkweather. Walter Motyka seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29PM

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Rahtelli
Secretary
C.H. Booth Library Board of Trustees