



Jonathan Trumbull Library

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February 16th, 2017
Regular Meeting – Board of Trustees

Present: Cathe McCall, Diane McCall, Maureen McCall, Michelle Kersey, Kathy Chesmer, Mary Withey, Darlene Boirie, Berkeley Nowosad and Judy Vertefeulle and Library Directos Julie Culp and Linda Slate

Absent:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by the chairman, Cathe McCall.

Minutes to the January 19th, 2017 meeting – Motion (M. Kersey/D. McCall) to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried with none opposed and two abstentions.

Correspondence – None to address.

Director's Report – Julie reported – There are still DeliverIt problems which affects circulation and customer service. Reminder of the *Friends* meeting next Thursday at 7:00 PM. The *Art Show* begins March 18th and runs through April 20th. The opening reception is Friday, March 18th and all are welcome (and welcome to bring some snacks to share). Art drop off is during library hours from Tuesday through Saturday, March 7th through 11th. Julie attended the Lebanon Consortium meeting on February 14th at the Lebanon Historical Society Museum and let them know that we will hold our book sale the day of their antique show. The adult program 'Make an Easel' with Kent Rice will be held on March 1st from 2:00 to 5:00 PM and "Drawing with Kent Rice" begins March 9th and runs for six weeks. The State Library budget from the governor eliminates CCARD funding and there is a push in congress to eliminate the CCARD statute (CSG 11-31b). Testimony will be heard by the Appropriations Committee on February 21st. These shared resources are important, especially when other libraries are closed for renovation, etc. This is the most important service that the state library provides.

Young People's Director's Report – Linda distributed the list of her weekly programs and the six summer programs. For Summer Reading, the theme is "Build a Better World". Linda has contacted the LES/LMS librarians to get the school reading book lists. On January 9th, she attended a "Teen Spaces" meeting at Douglas Library in Hebron. The non-fiction books have been weeded and fiction is being weeded now. Linda is trying to get as much done as she can since she has knee replacement surgery for the other knee scheduled for April 18th.

Bylaws – The recommendations from the bylaws committee were discussed. Julie said that she had Missy Hayes review the bylaws as well for any grammatical errors (Missy is an editor). All were in favor of the changes. Julie will make the changes to the master document and Maureen will proof them before release to the rest of the committee.

Budget – The Board of Finance will be hearing comments on February 25th from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Our budget reflects an increase of 2% as noted at our January meeting.

Facilities and Equipment – Julie said she checked into carbon monoxide detectors and was told that since we have gas and electric, we shouldn't need them. (Only if burning wood or oil.) Michelle pushed back on that due to some personal experience and Julie said that she will check further into the matter.

Personnel Committee – nothing to address. Julie did say that Amber is doing a great job cleaning and after she has been here six months, Julie would like to give her a 2% increase as the rest of the town received.

Trust Fund – nothing to report and no other facility has heard anything either.

Building Committee – Cathe said that she asked Betsy to come and bring us up to date on where things are but Betsy couldn't make tonight's meeting. She plans to attend our March meeting.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – Motion (J. Vertefeuille/M. Kersey) that we make a commemorative plaque for Alicia Wayland and place it in the reference center. Discussion continued. The board appreciates the many years that Alicia gave to the town in the library and in different departments and boards. She made herself available as town historian and as a resource for information. It was noted that the town will be hanging a picture of her in the town hall and Julie said that Alicia was well-honored at the memorial service held on February 4th. In light of that, the vote was taken: 1 for, 7 against and 1 abstention. The motion failed.

Cathe said that she imagines that we are all feeling pretty beat up after the work we have done and the disappointments over the last two years. While we wait for updates, perhaps we could all think of things we can do to keep the library current and to engage with the town. Julie suggested more programming as programs seem to be well received; also multi-week programs. Questions/announcements can be asked/placed on Facebook. We could publicize our technical services and Zinnio. The idea is to do some brainstorming at home and to bring ideas back to a future meeting.

Hearing no other business, motion made (M. McCall/M. Kersey) to adjourn at 7:55. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen D. McCall, Secretary