

FLOYD MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
Minutes of meeting February 11, 2015.

Members present: Rosemary Gabriel, Seth Kaufman, Melina Angelson, Buffy Hartmann, Diane Mulvaney, and Director Lisa Richland.

Absent: Peter Sacks, Rebecca Miller.

The Board meeting was called to order at 6.06pm.

The minutes of January 5, 2015 were approved on motion of 1) Angelson, 2), Hartmann unanimous.

The bills were ordered paid on motion of 1) Gabriel, 2), Kaufman unanimous. The treasurer's reports were accepted and filed for audit.

Treasurer's Report:

Money from the annual holiday appeal is still coming in. It is obviously early in the year but so far the Library is on budget, even with upcoming expenditures on chairs and new lighting.

Director's Report:

Cablevision will install a new Internet connection at the Library this month. The new connection will allow the Library to separate patron and staff access, providing improved performance for everyone. This means the Library will not be participating in the North Fork Fiber proposal. In the end, the connection offered by that scheme would have cost almost 10 times what Cablevision is asking and is simply not economical for the Library. As part of the Internet upgrade, the Library will also install a new server to provide redundancy for existing equipment that is nearing the end of its useful life.

The Director has developed a proposal for the LED lighting project that provides optimal value. Rather than change out every single light inside and outside the building, which would cost up to \$40,000, the Library can spend about \$22,000 for labor and materials to replace the lighting in the Children's Room, all of the cove lighting, all of the fluorescent bulbs in the long fixtures, and three exterior lights. The Annual Appeal income can cover the majority of the cost of this project. The Director would prefer to get the project started before the busy summer season if possible. It is expected that the conversion to more efficient LED lighting will save the Library about 1/3 on electricity costs, providing a return on investment in five years. The Director plans to apply for a New York State Construction grant to cover part of the cost of this project as well, which would shorten the payback period.

Delivery of the new chairs is expected imminently.

Children's librarian Joe Cortale will have hip replacement surgery this month. He expects to return by the end of March. We all wish him well, and of course we will miss him. He has arranged a schedule of programs that can be run in his absence by staff here filling in as necessary.

On February 24 and 25 the Director will make the annual Library Lobby trek to Albany. This is the opportunity to talk to our legislators about library service and funding. The Governor's budget leaves the same level of support as last year. With schools receiving 4 to 5% increases, we are looking for parity.

This month, in addition to regular programs there will be a Valentine's Day party for pre-school to second grade in cooperation with the Southold Mother's Club and CAST. On the 8<sup>th</sup>, the Audubon Society will host a program about The Great Backyard Bird Count. On the 14<sup>th</sup>, the North Fork Animal Welfare League will bring adoptable pets for an Adopt Love event. The library will be closed on the 16<sup>th</sup> for Presidents' Day. On March 1 Basically Baroque will perform at 3 PM.

#### Committees:

*Building* – The committee explored several possibilities for moving forward with an engineering assessment of the building and conversion of lighting to new LED fixtures, as discussed in the Director's report.

*Grounds and Garden* – Everything is frozen solid. The committee looks forward to restarting work as soon it temperatures are above freezing!

*Policy* – The state-mandated "whistle blower" policy is being reviewed and will be presented to the board next month.

#### New Business:

The Board consented to move forward with the conversion of Library lighting to new LED fixtures. The prospects for covering some of the costs with a New York State construction grant were discussed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7.05pm on motion of Gabriel. The next meeting will be on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6.00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Kaufman, secretary