

FLOYD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Minutes (unapproved) of meeting March 4, 2016.

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

The Board meeting was called to order at 4.53pm.

The minutes of February 1st, 2016 were approved on motion of 1) Gabriel, 2) Hartmann, unanimous.

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

Treasurer's Report:

The Library continues to be on budget for the year. This month's statement reflects income from Oyster Ponds.

Director's Report:

February saw the first two snow days of the season. The new staff notification system was used to let everyone know by text and email that the Library was closed. It worked well.

The video surveillance cameras are now installed and recording, although the network to view them in real-time will not be set up for another two weeks. The LED replacement project is also nearing completion. The lights over the circulation desk cannot be easily retrofitted and will need to be replaced with new fixtures. Replacement of those will wait until they start to fail.

SCLS and Congressman Zeldin's office have asked for volunteers to become Veterans' Affairs Accredited Agents –which requires two days of training and availability once a week for two hours (by appointment only) to assist veterans with their claims and appeals for benefits. Since Floyd Memorial Library district residents are so remote from any of the resources that might serve them, the Director would like to take this on. If the Board is in agreement either the Director or a Library staff member would apply, receive training, and be available to provide this service.

Librarians Tracey Moloney, Poppy Johnson and the Director have registered to receive Narcan training, provided by Suffolk County, at the end of March. We will also receive a Narcan kit.

On Tuesday, March 1, the Director will go to Albany to lobby State legislators for library support, including increased funding and legislative initiatives that concern libraries the state. This is an annual ritual and helps to increase awareness of library interests. We have been relatively successful in the past few years in maintaining library funding from the state.

Committees:

Building – Sand Pebble presented their building assessment immediately before the board meeting. Next steps will be discussed at coming board meetings.

Grounds + Garden – Gabriel and Angelson met with the landscaper to discuss Spring plans and garden maintenance. An estimate for work was provided that appears acceptable.

New Business:

The annual State report was reviewed by the board and approved unanimously on motion of 1) Angelson, 2) Gabriel.

Meeting was adjourned at 5.27pm on motion of Sacks. The next meeting will be on April 4th at 6.00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Kaufman, secretary