

FLOYD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Minutes (unapproved) of meeting December 5, 2016.

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

Absent: Eligio Lopez.

The Board meeting was called to order at 6.06pm.

The minutes of November 7st, 2016 were approved on motion of 1) Mulvaney, 2) Gabriel, unanimous.

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

Treasurer's Report:

With the end of the year in sight expenditures and income continue to remain in line with the budget. Grant funding is somewhat ahead of projections.

Director's Report:

The Shamrock Tree Company has removed a large dying tree from the library yard. The decayed pieces have been carted away, but the larger cut pieces remain and can be reused as seats during the Library's summer programs until they cure and can be split. A new tree lilac has been planted where the old one fell. The Library is still waiting to hear from the Village about the tree on North Street that needs to come down. The directory has spoken to the Village Clerk who has asked the Village Administrator but has not heard back again. A separate request has been made to the Village to have the parking striping redone.

The Director encourages all board members to attend the SCLS Trustee Workshop in January. It is not only an opportunity to get an overview of legal issues, but a chance to meet trustees from other libraries. Speaker Gerald Nichols is the former director of SCLS and an expert in all things pertaining to library management and governance.

The Library has begun to put up holiday decorations, slowly. Janet, Selina and Sarah all had a part installing the winter village display under the windows in the A/V area. Wreaths have been ordered from Clark's Garden, and when the taller staff members have time the rest of the greens and shiny things will be hung. Our library users enjoy the festive look. The Library has also started to put out galleys (pre-publication copies) of books we receive from Library Journal. Ribbons are put around them and a gift tag from the library- an easy and much appreciated touch.

Committees:

Building – Still waiting for bids from contractors for the roof gutter work.

Grounds + Garden – Discussing additional trees for the garden.

Budget + Finance – Development of next year's budget has begun.

Policy –Revisions are still in progress.

Personnel – Board approves holiday gifts for employees on motion of 1) Sacks, 2) Mulvaney, unanimous. The Director’s contract was signed by board president Hartmann.

Friends – The next Friends meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 7th. A gift basket raffle is in progress with a drawing on December 14th.

Old Business:

The staff appreciation party is officially scheduled for Saturday, January 14th at 5pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 6.41pm on motion of Hartmann. The next meeting will be on January 2nd at 6.00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Kaufman, secretary