

Piermont Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2016



Present: Trustees Helga Mueller, Stephanie Gordon, Joyce Tompkins, Polly Marvin, Nancy Sandell, Evie Conroy, Librarian Margaret Ladd

The board meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Helga Mueller.

1. Minutes of March 1, 2016 Trustee's Meetings. Approved (Motion: Joyce, 2nd Nancy)

1a. Welcome to new trustee Evie Conroy and congratulations to trustee Nancy Sandell who was reelected.

1b. Election of Officers: The current officers were re-elected. Chair: Helga Mueller, Treasurer: Joyce Tompkins, Secretary: Stephanie Gordon

2. Bookkeeper's Report: (Jean Daley) Accepted (Motion: Nancy, 2nd Joyce)

- The bookkeeper's report for March was presented to the Board.
- Joyce delivered a clarification from Jean about a questioned item in the February report.

3. Treasurer's Report: (Joyce) Accepted (Motion: Polly, 2nd Nancy)

- Joyce gave the monthly treasurer's report for March.
- The first quarterly Town Draw for this fiscal year was received.
- Joyce gave the annual Library Investments Report to the Board.
- There was a discussion on allocation of donations in memory of George Tompkins to a budgeted account. Audio books, a new table in the back room and art will be purchased with donations in memory of George. We need to decide what line item each item will come from. Joyce will talk with bookkeeper Jean about how to handle this.

4. Library Improvements

- There was no update on the energy audit by Eversource, the purchase of new light fixtures, bulb replacements and new ballasts from the Selectmen.

5. Librarian's Report Accepted (Motion: Helga, 2nd Nancy)

- Margaret gave the Librarian's Report for March to the Trustees. Circulation remains excellent.
- Margaret is still researching the cost of a new small laptop.
- A new tech support person, Andrew Swift, has been hired to work for the town. He may be available to help the library on occasion on an hourly basis.
- Refreshments will be needed from the Trustees for the Frauds and Scams programs.

6. April Sunday Hours:

April 3 - Kristi
April 10 - Joyce
April 17 - Nancy
April 24 - Helga
May 1 - Stephanie

7. Programs:

- *Frauds and Scams*, an AARP program, is scheduled to be on April 14, 2016 at 7 PM at the Old Church Building.
- *Runaway wives*, presented by Martha Schmidt Blaine, will be on September 15, 2016 at 7PM at the Old Church Building.
- *Colonial Meeting Houses*, presented by Paul Wainright, will be on October 13, 2016 at 7PM at the Old Church Building.

8. Art in the Library

- Stephanie Gordon will display artwork through the end of April and PVS will display student art in May. Barbara Dunbar will display her fiber work in June, after the PVS display.

9. Old business

- At a Safety Committee meeting, Chief Hebert reported that he will see that an improved panic alarm is installed in Library. The alarm will go to dispatch and then directly across to the Chief.
- Safety concerns about children crossing Route 10 to the Library have been resolved by a new stanchion and flashing STOP sign. The Library paid for the stanchion and the school bought the flashing sign. Chief Hebert was pleased with the new stanchion and flashing sign. Frank Rodiman will draw a schematic of the crosswalk and repaint the crosswalk after consultation with DOT. We may be asked to help pay for a more durable paint than that furnished by the DOT.

10. New business

- The Library Trustees Association is having a Spring Orientation in Concord on May 23rd. The deadline for signing up is May 9th. Our newest Trustees may attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM. (Motion: Nancy, 2nd Polly)

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Gordon, Secretary, Library Board of Trustees