

Warner Library Board of Trustees
APPROVED MINUTES
February 19, 2009

Present: Library Trustees, Christina Clarke, David Huber, David Livingston, Joan Raiselis, Jack Rosenberger and Carin Rubenstein; Library Liaisons, Kay Grala and Mary McGee; Acting Library Director, Patricia Cohn and Consultant, Jenifer Ross. Absent: Liza Glover

Chairperson's Comments:

Mr. Rosenberger called the meeting to order at 8:15 pm after holding interviews for a new Director and Executive Session. A motion was made by Ms. Raiselis and seconded by Mr. Livingston to accept the minutes of the January 29, 2009 Board meeting.

Mr. Rosenberger's term will expire March 31 and he will not be running again. Ms. Clarke and Ms. Ross will put together a list of potential candidates for both Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow. Once compiled, Ms. Clarke will forward it to the Board.

Director's Report:

Ms. Cohn discussed submitting a grant to Assemblyman Brodsky's office for two projects for \$13,000. A maximum amount of \$15,000 will be given to libraries that submit requests.

Ms. Cohn met with Yashar Yaslowitz who represents the Soiree Society of the Arts that performs concerts in the Nyack Library. A discussion was held as to the feasibility of the Society using the Reading Room and the impact on the Library. Ms. Cohn will find out more about the concerts and will let the Board know.

The blinds in the reference room are in desperate need of replacement. Ms. Cohn will try to get quotes to replace the blinds. Ms. Raiselis asked to be notified when an appointment is made and she will make every effort to attend.

Elizabeth Siracusa, Young Adult Librarian would like to attend a local workshop for \$200.00. Ms. Cohn feels it will be a valuable workshop. The line in the budget for this expense is already over budget. The Board agrees it is something she should do.

Treasurer's Report:

After discussion, the Board unanimously agreed to hire Barbara Crespo full time as Librarian I, step one effective March 1, 2009.

Mr. Huber discussed 2009 – 2010 Library Budget. After explanation and discussion, the Board unanimously approved submitting the budget to the Village of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow for their approval.

Director of Development:

Ms. Ross - Monthly Report to the Trustees – report attached. The Night of Soul was a great success and people are already asking when we are doing the next one. It raised approximately \$5,400. Ms. Ross asked to have the fundraising meetings with Mr. Huber and Mr. Rosenberger re-established.

Ms. Ross has a volunteer calling supporters that gave a donation last year and haven't yet made this year. She is getting positive responses from many.

Her volunteer making the thank you calls is not able to continue and the Board is asked to take a list and make calls at their leisure and let her know the outcome.

The next Author Fair is scheduled for June 6. There will be authors inside the building and outside the building.

The date for the Cruise is tentatively set for July 11. We expect a sell out so purchase your tickets early. This is also the 400th Year Anniversary of Henry Hudson's exploration.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Ms. Raiselis will call Mr. Jim Lothrop of Lothrop Associates and inform him that the Board agreed to hire him to prepare Planning Option 2 of the Conceptual Library Facility Plan, dated October 15, 2008, at a lump sum fee of \$10,000.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

The next Library Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Butcher
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