

HAZARD LIBRARY BOARD MEETING  
August 18, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Present were Rachel Karn (President), Amy Emerson (Treasurer), Lisa Semenza (Director), Denise Littlejohn, Kris Minster, Ron Buxenbaum and Kathy Bailey (Secretary). Dan Thayer and Kathy Button were excused.

Investment Advisor C. Whitney Barnes attended the meeting at Amy's invitation in order to provide us with an overview of his company's services and how he might help us to manage the library's investments. If hired, he would build and maintain a portfolio of individual holdings based on the needs and concerns of the library. All investments would be liquid, and money would be held at The Bank of New York. His visit was followed by further discussion. The board will vote on this in September.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of July's meeting as written (Amy/Kris), all in favor.

Update on the basement situation:

The board inspected the current state of the chronically flooded basement, and found it to be surprisingly good, thanks to Ron and his crew of helpers. Further discussion and research will include a plan for water-proofing, building a safer staircase, designating a storage area for the library director's supplies, purchasing tables, and possibly replacing the furnace.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Lisa reported on her ongoing struggles with an internet service that depends on the mutual cooperation of the library, SCCS, BOCES, and the fire house. Service was finally restored, thanks to the efforts of Suzanne and Jay. The board will look into the possibility of hiring Suzanne, as needed, to come to our rescue and to communicate directly with other I.T. people when necessary.

Lisa also reported on July's Book Club meeting, and on the continuing success of her ambitious array of summer programs. Patron counts and circulation numbers have all been high this summer.

As of today, no new bid for work on the building's exterior has been received. Rachel will check with Dave Marion.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Amy reports record profits for this year's book sale---\$4,871 as of today.

Overdue fines have also been a good source of revenue.

Liability and property insurance have been paid. Amy will look into whether we have the proper W-9 forms for library employees and performers.

MOTION: To accept Treasurer's Report (Kris/Ron), all in favor.

MOTION: To adjourn (Denise/Amy), all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Next board meeting will be September 15 at 7:00 p.m.