

HAZARD LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 15, 2014 Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Present were Rachel Karn (President), Amy Emerson (Treasurer), Lisa Semenza (Director), Denise Littlejohn, Kathy Button, Ron Buxenbaum and Kathy Bailey (Secretary). Kris Minster and Dan Thayer were excused.

MOTION: To accept minutes from the August meeting as written (Kathy Button/Ron), all in favor.

Librarian's Report:

Lisa reported on a successful (and ambitious) summer of special programs for families. The "Little Free Libraries" have seen limited use so far. Adult books and better signs may be added to increase their appeal.

Lisa attended the recent FALCONS meeting and reports an increase in fees for both Polaris and FLLS. Polaris has fixed a glitch in ILL requesting, and the system seems to be back to normal. FLLS is working on a universal card for all patrons in their various libraries—this would allow librarians access to all patron accounts.

Book Club continues to be well-attended.

Ken and Ron have started work on repairing the library's pillars. Ken has received two bids for the painting job to be done in the spring.

MOTION: To authorize Lisa to sign the library up for an "institutional membership" with the New York Library Association (Amy/Kathy Button), all in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Amy reported depositing funds from the "Library Expansion" donation jar into our bank account. Library Services Aid money was also deposited, and a bill for the dumpster paid.

MOTION: To authorize Amy to transfer all funds from the Dreyfus Account to a new account with Merryfield Barnes Investment Advisors (Kathy Bailey/Kathy Button), all in favor.

MOTION: To accept the Treasurer's report (Kathy Button/Ron), all in favor.

Old Business:

The basement has been dry since Ron last worked on it. He will try to get estimates on waterproofing services and also on purchasing sturdy folding tables. The need to replace our furnace remains an open question. We also need to find someone who can remodel the basement entrance for safer access.

Ken says to get rid of the unused steel shelving. Rachel will ask Pete Anguish about recycling options. Ron disposed of the old air conditioner and dehumidifier.

Denise contacted both Verizon and AT&T to see if they offered free or discounted service to public libraries. They do not.

New Business:

The annual fundraising campaign needs to be organized. We need someone to compose and print both the letter and our patron list. Kathy Button will apprentice with Kris (and Ken?) this year so that she can take over the job next year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Upcoming meetings: Oct. 20

Nov. 10

Dec. 8