

HAZARD LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 11, 2016 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Present were Lisa Semenza (Director), Denise Littlejohn (President), Amy Emerson (Treasurer), Kathy Kirk, Ron Buxenbaum, Kathy Button, Betsy Donald, Nancy Hart and Kathy Bailey (Secretary).

MOTION: to approve December minutes as amended (Nancy/Ron), all in favor.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Lisa reported on another busy month, with strong circulation numbers and good attendance for Book Club and Story Hour. She participated in meetings at FLLS (with the NYLA Youth Services Section) and SCCS with the Literacy Committee in preparation for February's "I Love to Read Month." Plans are also in the works for summer of 2016 and February of 2017 in hope of receiving another Rosen Grant to fund reading programs for area children.

Ken continues to work on maintenance issues as they arise, replacing signs and lights as needed. Thanks to the generosity of our patrons, the library has collected boxes of hats, mittens, scarves and other winter necessities for the King Ferry Food Pantry.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Amy presented the final figures for the 2015 financial report, as well as the revised budget overview for 2016. The Board will not ask for an increase in our tax levy this year.

The NY State Insurance Fund has decided to audit our finances after Jay, through much persistence, managed to get our bill adjusted to reflect our actual budget. Amy is trying to pin down a time and place to meet with their representative.

This year's Annual Appeal has been very successful, with over \$5,000 received so far. Many thanks to all for supporting our local library!

MOTION: to accept Treasurer's Report (Betsy/K. Button), all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: Denise presented a proposal for an amendment to the by-laws which would allow for voting by email in case of an emergency. The proposal will be voted on at our next meeting.

Discussion continues on how best to spend the rest of the state money sent to us by Senator Nozzolio. Potholes in our parking area and masonry work on the basement stairs are both under consideration. Remodeling the building to allow more space for the library and less for the post office was also discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: A tentative date for the Annual Meeting was chosen. We will meet on April 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the Friends Meeting House in Poplar Ridge. Board members will contact Rachel Karn, Ken Knight and Annie Zygarowicz in a search for new members. Secretary will contact Jane Simkin to reserve the Meeting House.

Nancy offered to host a working retreat at her home later this year for the board to hammer out a five-year plan. In preparation for this, a portion of each regular board meeting will be allocated to sharing ideas.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40. Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 17.