

Minutes

Minutes for January 16, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:10. Present were Ken Knight, Jay Ardai, Kris Minster, Amy Emerson, Sally Otis and Kathy Bailey. Rachel Karn was excused.

December's minutes contained an incorrect closing date for the Post Office. As of now their announced date for closure is May 12, 2012. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Librarian's Report: Sally has been working with Elaine Meyers of the Aurora Library on a grant application entitled "Every Child Ready to Read at Aurora and Hazard Libraries." They are requesting a yearlong grant of \$10,900 from the Rosen Fund, to be managed by the Aurora Library, for a joint childhood literacy program. The Board voted to approve participating in this program if funded. (Ken/Amy, all in favor)

Sally was unable to attend the meeting in Ithaca with Michael Borges due to a snowstorm. She has been in touch with other librarians to find out what she missed.

The Hazard and Aurora book clubs will be merging in an effort to meet the needs of more patrons. Aurora was having problems maintaining a schedule. The combined group will remain flexible in terms of meeting locations and book selections.

Treasurer's Report: Jay presented figures for the past year. The Friend's Campaign is doing better than expected. Jay will modify his forms for next year to indicate expenses with more specificity.

Jay presented a budget for 2012, for discussion and approval at February's meeting. Ken will contact the Aurora Board in an attempt to coordinate the school ballot request for this year, and will also notify the school district of our intent. We hope to at least make up for the \$2,000 shortfall from the county budget.

A tax cap override resolution was discussed and approved (Kathy/Ken, all in favor). The resolution states:

Whereas, the adoption of this 2012 budget for the Hazard Library may require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and

Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Hazard Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2012 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on January 16, 2012.

President's Report: Ken will continue to work on dealing with workman's compensation/liability issues for independent contractors. Performers and other workers paid over \$600 must fill out a W-9 form for tax purposes. Linda is checking with summer performers to see if they carry insurance.

Ken filled out a preliminary application for a \$15,000 building grant from Lowe's, in anticipation of the Post Office moving out. He has also spoken with the local store's manager and someone in marketing for advice on how to secure this grant.

Sally would like to see more committee input in the planning stages for this undertaking. Ken is hoping that Larry Buffam will agree to serve as project manager.

Water is currently being pumped from our basement to the "sidewalk" area outside. Ken will adjust things so that the water runs out toward the back of the building instead.

Nobody seems to know how often the septic tank needs emptying. Ken will check with Jack Grant and possibly get on a regular schedule.

New Business: Amy cannot attend Monday meetings during spring term as she has a class that night. Therefore the board will adjust our meeting schedule for the next few months, with February's meeting set for the 15th if that date works for Rachel.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.