

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APRIL 25, 2017
LOCATION: POUND RIDGE LIBRARY DISTRICT TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Pat Dauer, Richard Esman, Michele Gage, Gerry Kaplan, Miriam Schindel, Ken Turner

Public Greetings to New Library Director Daniel Sabol

7:50pm President Schindel opened the meeting.

A Quorum was present throughout the meeting.

Motion by Gerry Kaplan, seconded by Michele Gage, to approve minutes of April 4, 2017. Approved unanimously.

President's Report:

Status of Annual Report to NYS Education Department which is about activities of Library during 2016, circulation, number of employees and their tasks, cybersecurity, accounting procedures. We have not had a report for 2 years. WLS recommended some changes to the report which have been implemented

Motion by Miriam Schindel, seconded by Michele Gage, to distribute report to all Trustees Wednesday and if all approve, it will be submitted.

Submission of Census Report:

Pat Dolce to circulate to full Board. If approved it will be submitted to the appropriate office.

Service terms of new Trustees:

President Schindel has been in touch with NYS Education Department for clarification of terms for elected trustees as well as persons appointed for remainder terms.

Introduction of Prospective New Trustee Justin Friedland.

Comments by Prospective New Trustee:

Friedland says he is a resident of PR for 30 years, has two grown children, was a broadcast journalist for 25 years, is a member of the Pound Ridge Volunteer Fire Department and currently sells Real Estate.

President Schindel has had several calls regarding the unimpressive state of the Schaffner Room.

Motion by President Schindel, seconded by Rich Esman, to appoint Michele Gage head of Curating Committee for Schaffner Room.

Michele Gage and Librarian Alan Ramsay will work on exhibit of Children's Poetry in Schaffner Room.

Review of March 31st Financials:

President Schindel questions major amount of money in 2017 budget for maintenance and grounds and repairs and snow, grass.

Treasurers Gage and Kaplan still putting specifics into line items and preparing to separate cottage expenses from Library expenses.

Discussion of Jennifer Coulter's status as consultant vs. part-time employee. Put on agenda for next meeting.

Motion by Miriam Schindel to approve March Financials, Gerry Kaplan seconds, approved unanimously.

Michele Gage reports Endowment & Evelyn Wood Funds are doing fine.

Discussion of whether we can use Foundation funds for Library construction projects. Discussion of Bond Funds. Michele suggests Financial Adviser Chris Kuehne make a presentation to the Board and she will follow up.

Report of Rich Esman: Foundation Funding Issue:

Rich talked with President Julie Goggin who says Foundation is currently under regulatory review by NYS so Foundation is not able to offer any money to Library. Goggin has rejected an invitation to talk to the Board on record.

Schindel says Foundation is not showing transparency regarding its funds.

Motion by Schindel, seconded by Pat Dauer, for Rich Esman to request that Goggin and John Broghammer attend Executive Session May 2nd, for the purposes of an investigation.

Motion by Miriam Schindel, seconded by Pat Dauer, that Gerry Kaplan and Rich Esman get in touch with prior Foundation members for information about the Foundation.

TV Wall Mounted Screen Information :

Rich Esman reports cost of flat screen for main entrance to Library is \$2200. plus installation which must include electrical and mounting.

Wooden wall racks for flyers and event listings \$330.00 plus installation.

Motion by Gerry Kaplan, seconded by Pat Dauer, to spend no more than \$4500 to install Flat Screen TV near main entrance to Library and wooden wall units.

Report of VP of Facilities and Grounds; Research on Easements:

Discussion of easements tabled until next meeting to give Ken Turner time to look at details.

Ken Turner suggests higher light pole to illuminate back part of the parking lot. Discussion of whether the lights are needed at ground level instead. More discussion necessary.

Ken also reports that Septic needs to be pumped every 5 years per Town rule. Library was pumped 3 years ago.

Ken was able to settle issue with grant for ADA doors which must be installed by June 30th.

Report from Alan Ramsay: Children's and Teens' Look Ahead Programming and Board Discussion:

Ramsay reports negotiating successfully with Beth and Scott Bierko to lower their musical performance fee from \$550 to \$425.

Motion by Ken Turner, seconded by Rich Esman to hire Bierkos for summer program. Unanimously approved.

Report from Vanessa Harrington: Adult Programming and Board Discussion; Approval of Book Purchase for Laura Hawk Book-Signing :

Vanessa Harrington requests purchase of 20 copies of Slim Aaron's Women from Amazon for Pound Ridge resident Laura Hawk's talk. Book can be purchased at huge discount. Discussion of publicity for the events, including pre-order of signed books.

Motion by Gerry Kaplan, seconded by Pat Dauer, for Vanessa to spend \$1000. to purchase 20 books from Amazon and for publicity. Approved unanimously.

Michele Gage presents possible new medical plans to be offered to staff. Further investigation into plans needed. Proposed change to policy indicating Library will pay 75% of basic plan. Michele Gage and Pat Dauer will follow up.

No public Comments.

10:49pm Open session closes.

10:50pm Adjournment to Executive Session Pursuant to Section 105 of the Open Meetings Law for Purposes of Discussing Tinter Litigation and Approval of New Trustee.

In Executive Session, Board agrees that Michele Gage will meet for further discussion with potential Trustee Justin Friedland.

And Board members will receive and review attorneys' motion in response to Preference Motion filed by Tinter attorney.

11:27pm Reopening of Open Meeting

Adjourned at 11:27pm

Next meeting scheduled for May 2, 2017