

MINUTES

PRESENT: Helena Power, presiding: Marjorie Galen, Holly Seeger, Mary Ann Brueckner, Beverly Warwick, Suzanna Frosch, Maria Gagliardi, Director. Debbie Firestone, recording.

EXCUSED: Jennifer Citrolo, Christopher Keywork, John Guzewich

Helena called the meeting to order at 7:37pm.

Minutes: Marjorie moved to approve minutes from the 11/2/16 board meeting. Beverly seconded. All in favor.

Librarian's Report: presented by Maria.

- Employee holiday dinner was on 12/9 at Broadway Bistro in Nyack. Good food and nice time!
- Website will be updated to provide more mobile-friendly use.
- Beverly moved to allow wine at the periodical Cookbook Club meetings. Mary Ann seconded. All in favor.
- The Book Sale held Saturday 11/12, garnered a profit of \$44. It doesn't make sense to dedicate time to books sales, but items will continue to sell from the "For Sale" shelf in the lobby.
- The DVD trial slated for January was reviewed. All DVD's, including new releases would be available for interloan. This could create a potential negative effect on the browsing library for our own patrons. It was suggested that a list of "Available Soon" DVDs be posted to prompt our patrons to place holds on them.
- Custom library card printing was discussed as our supply is low. 5 different formats for the new card were presented and the following vote was taken: Vertical Card with Birds – 1 vote, Card with Historical Library Locations and logo – 0 votes, White card with logo and words from Mission Statement in background – 0 votes, Black Card with logo – 0 votes, White card with logo and 3 words taken from Mission Statement – 5 Votes.

Financial Report: Maria reviewed the overall budget details for October and November 2016. Looks like we will end the year with a small net profit as most line items are under budget.

- The only special account activity was the 125<sup>th</sup> celebration profit moving to the Friends Account.
- Holly moved to approve the Financial Statements. Suzanna seconded. All in favor.

**Old Business:**

Building Committee: Mary Ann presented the building update.

- Elevator pit work is complete, waiting on invoice.
- Further questions to O&R are needed regarding their proposal for the electrical cable work to outside of building.

Symposia Committee: Marjorie is continuing with plan of Daniel Goleman (Emotional Intelligence / Dali Lama) for a September/October symposium. Mary Ann suggested maybe a smaller spring symposia with Margaret Winslow – geologist/professor to discuss her most recent book.

Gift and Donation Committee: Beverly presented thoughts and ideas on how to move forward with this initiative and laying out things patrons could donate toward.

- Holly moved to authorize set up of a PayPal account to accommodate receipt of online donations. Mary Ann seconded. All in favor.

**New Business:**

- Marjorie moved to approve the Orangetown Town Contract for 2017. Beverly seconded. All in favor.
- Holly moved to go ahead with the School District Ballot Initiative as detailed in the handout (attached). Suzanna seconded. All in favor.
- Mary Ann moved to Override the 2% Tax Cap for 2017. Beverly seconded. All in favor.
- Mary Ann moved to approve the 2017 budget for the library as presented by Maria. Holly seconded. All in favor.

**Next Meeting:** Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Marie H. Firestone Community Room at the Palisades Free Library.

Suzanna moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm, Beverly seconded. All in favor