

SOMERS LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PO Box 443
Somers, NY10589

MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2015

President Hasl called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

The members present were: Paula Chamoun, Jim Hasl, Liz Mignardi, Laura Parisi, Jean Reidy, Ann Westerman and Christine Williamson-Canavan.

Councilmen Richard Clinchy and Tom Garrity, as well as Friends of the Somers Library representative Claire Damon were also in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Mignardi made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 11, 2015 as submitted. All were in favor.

Announcements and Correspondences

WLS Trustee Institute: Renovation or New Construction? – The WLS Trustee Institute's Renovation or New Construction seminar scheduled for March 10 has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled in the spring.

Webinar – Mr. Hasl participated in a recent webinar about improving governmental relations held by the New York Library Association.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented. Copies of the Abstract of Audited Vouchers #3, Somers Library Vouchers and Gift Fund analysis were distributed. Mrs. Westerman made a motion to approve the Abstract of Audited Vouchers #3, dated March 11, 2015 in the amount of \$100,421.27, which included voucher numbers 82174 to 82204. All were in favor.

The contractual amount spent this past month was \$53,198.16 and \$43,912.87 or 84% of this discretionary spending, went to the business of the Library (books, reading material, etc.). The largest expenditures were: WESTALYNX (library services) \$31,805.98, A-Amp Electric Corp. (wiring/lighting) \$4,995.20 and Image Cel (copier) \$3,550. Payroll and benefit charges were \$48,223.09. Total Library spending for all accounts was \$100,421.27.

Budget Modifications:

A motion was made by Mrs. Westerman to transfer \$11,500 from Library Fund 005.9010.0800 State Retirement – ERS to \$11,000 to Library Fund 005.7410.0800 Contractual to cover extraordinary building expenses, \$500 to Library Fund 005.9045.0800 Life Insurance to cover budget overages. All were in favor.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND STAFF MEETING MINUTES

All Trustees received a copy of Mrs. Miller's Monthly Report, as well as the Staff Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2015. There were no questions or comments.

Somers Library Foundation

Silent Auction items are in the process of being collected for the fundraiser luncheon on April 22.

Friends of the Somers Library

The Friends are happy with the new Circulation and Reference Desk.

NEW BUSINESS

Eagle Scout Project – Boy Scout Peter Ferretti presented his Eagle Scout Project planned for the back patio restoration area of the Library. All were very pleased with his proposal.

Circulation and Reference Desk's Dedication – The dedication of the new Circulation and Reference Desks is scheduled for April 15. Mrs. Chamoun, Mrs. Parisi and Mrs. Reidy will assist the staff as needed in preparing for the event.

Albany Update – Sustainable Funding – The Starr Library in Rhinebeck, resubmitted a special district library bill on January 9 for the 2015 legislation session. They met with their State Senator on February 13. Starr Library Board President Sally Hallenbeck called Mr. Hasl last night with an update. They were supposed to meet with the Governor's staff at the end of February, but it was cancelled at the eleventh hour. A reschedule date will not even be discussed until after the budget is submitted, hopefully on April 1.

Retirement – Mrs. Miller announced her retirement effective March 9. Mr. Hasl is coordinating Library Board of Trustee planning with Supervisor Rick Morrissey's office to open the search for a new Director.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Somers Library Board of Trustees

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Town Clerk
Director of Finance
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