

**Somers Library Board of Trustees
PO Box 443
Somers, New York 10589**

**MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2015**

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

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

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Parisi made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 8, 2015 as submitted. All were in favor.

Announcements and Correspondences

Mr. Hasl attended the Somers Partners in Prevention Community Coffee on April 28. He envisions ways in which the Library can partner with this group quite easily.

The 1st graders at Primrose School will be touring the Library and getting library cards.

On May 26, the new Library Director Andrew Farber will be present at the Library to start acclimating to his new job. His official start date is June 1.

Senator Murphy's office is hosting a woman of achievement recognition. Jean Reidy has been nominated.

Director's Report and Staff Meeting Minutes

The need for additional DVD storage will be discussed with the new Director.

Thirty two people attended the new Circulation and Reference Desk reception.

An appreciation day for Jean Reidy was held during Library Week. Forty people were in attendance. Mrs. Reidy has been a Trustee for 50 years.

A handful of complaints have been received about the cleanliness of the bathrooms.

All fire extinguishers were inspected.

There was a Pokemon Tournament for the Middle school aged students. It was so popular that requests have been made to sponsor the same for younger students. The older students will mentor them.

There has been a good response to the Superhero cutout in the Library.

The teen Yoga and Mindfulness class is oversubscribed.

On June 4, there will be a kick-off for the Battle of the Books.

Summer Reading begins on June 26.

JP McHale Pest Control has replaced the mice traps in the basement.

There are 30 book clubs and they continue to be very popular.

The New York State Annual Report has been completed and submitted.

Last year there was a situation with some radical literature being left around the Library and unfortunately the same has happened again. All will keep a close eye out to see if they can determine who is doing this.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented. Copies of the Abstract of Audited Vouchers #5, Somers Library Vouchers and Gift Fund analysis were distributed. Mrs. Westerman made a motion to approve the Abstract of Audited Vouchers #5, dated May 13, 2015 in the amount of \$65,074.63, which included voucher numbers 82827 to 82837, 82839 to 82843, and 82845 to 82859. All were in favor.

The contractual amount spent this past month was \$15,630.07 and \$11,386.47 or 73% of this discretionary spending, went to the business of the Library (books, reading material, etc.). The largest expenditures were: Baker and Taylor Books (library materials) \$3,259, United Metro Energy (oil) \$2,733, and Fairlough Restorations (counter) \$1,000. Payroll and benefit charges were \$49,444.56. Total Library spending for all accounts was \$65,074.63.

Somers Library Foundation

Almost \$8,000 was raised at the luncheon held on April 22. The next project is supposed to be the vestibule, but Mr. Carnow would like to discuss this with Mr. Farber first.

A cocktail party will be held on June 14 at the Mahopac Country Club to commemorate Mrs. Reidy's 50 years of service as a Library Trustee.

The 5K race is planned for September 13.

Friends of the Somers Library

There was no update on the Friends.

NEW BUSINESS

Disposal of Computer Equipment – Arrangements have been made to dispose of the old computer equipment. There are 35 pieces in total. A motion was made by Mr. Hasl to dispose of the aforementioned computer equipment. All were in favor.

Substitute Librarians – A motion was made by Mr. Hasl to hire five new Substitute Librarians at \$25.92 per hour to be on call as needed. They are: Anne Beier, Diane Cunningham, Susan Kramer, Marie Pierre, and Michael Schmitt. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Somers Library Board of Trustees

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