

SOMERS LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PO Box 443
Somers, NY 10589

MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 2012

President Stockwell called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

The members present were: Ian Carnow, Jim Hasl, Bill Kehoe, Liz Mignardi, Jean Reidy, Barbara Stockwell and Christine Williamson-Canavan.

Trustee Laura Parisi and Library Director Pat Miller were absent.

Councilman Richard Clinchy, and resident Christine Whalley, who is interested in the vacant Trustee position, were also present.

Announcements and Correspondence

All received an email about the NYLA Webinar in July. Some were having difficulty logging in. Mrs. Miller will be consulted.

On July 9, the Board of Trustees will be interviewing perspective Trustee candidates to finish out Mrs. Damon's term. The Town Board members have been invited to attend the interviews. The replacement Trustee will be selected by the Library Board of Trustees, as the Town Board is not able to vote but does confirm the appointment.

Mr. Hasl has recently attended some of the Library programs, which he thought were excellent. During the break, he spoke with some of the attendees for feedback. He also complimented the ease of the on-line registration process for these programs.

A farewell brunch will be planned for on a Sunday in July in honor of Mrs. Damon who has resigned from the Board of Trustees. Several Committee assignments were revised at tonight's meeting to serve in her former assignments.

The Somers Democratic Club is holding their annual recognition dinner on June 19 and the Somers Library Board of Trustees is one of the honorees.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Stockwell made a motion to approve the minutes of the monthly meeting held on May 9, 2012 as submitted. All were in favor.

Mrs. Stockwell made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on June 5, 2012 as submitted. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented. Copies of the Abstract of Audited Vouchers #6, the Somers Library Vouchers and Gift Fund were distributed. Mr. Hasl made a motion to approve the Abstract of Audited Vouchers #6, dated June 13, 2012 in the amount of \$85,340.65 which included voucher numbers 72673 to 72697. All were in favor.

The contractual amount spent this past month was \$31,151.61. A total of \$85.76 was spent from the Gift Fund. Last month, \$28,757 or 92% of discretionary spending went to the business of the Library (books, reading materials, etc.). The largest expenditures were: WLS Semi-Annual Fees \$23,993; Baker and Taylor Books \$2,038; NYSE&G \$943; Library Director Expenses Reimbursement \$531; Barnes and Noble, Inc. \$520; and Staples \$445. Payroll and benefits charges were \$54,189.04. Total Library spending for all accounts was \$85,340.65.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND STAFF MEETING MINUTES

All Trustees received a copy of Mrs. Miller's Monthly Report and the minutes of the staff meeting held on May 22.

2011 NYS Annual Report for Public and Association Libraries – A motion was made by Mr. Kehoe to approve the 2011 NYS Annual Report for Public and Association Libraries, which had been prepared by Mrs. Miller. All were in favor.

DVD's – On May 24, it was reported to the Police that 9 DVD's were stolen out of their cases. A camera and surveillance signs have been mounted in that area, and new DVD cases have been purchased.

Friends Scholarship – Lori Lombardo, Somers High School senior photographer, who volunteered many hours covering Library events, has been awarded a scholarship from the Friends of the Somers Library.

Statistics – The monthly and year to date circulation statistics were distributed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Budget and Finance – Mr. Hasl and Mrs. Miller will be meeting with the new Town Finance Director Robert Kehoe next week. A report will be presented at the July meeting.

Prior to retiring, the former Finance Director gave Mr. Hasl information about the Gift Fund that he will review.

Thanks were extended to Town Finance Director Robert Kehoe for reinstating the Library's old Employee Identification Number with the IRS, as needed by the NYS Education Department for aid and construction money disbursements.

Building – The Library Roof Request for Proposal was submitted to the Town Board for the June meeting. The work on the Police Building and Barn at Van Tassel was not included in this RFP due to structural issues which needed to be resolved as part of the RFP. However, the Town Board felt that it would be best to keep the Library and the work at the Police Building and Barn at Van Tassel as one RFP, so the entire RFP will be reviewed at a future meeting instead.

New flooring was installed in the Kitchen, behind the circulation desk, and the basement.

Earlier today, the water pumps that service the entire Park stopped working. Thankfully they have been temporarily repaired and will be permanently fixed tomorrow.

There was a lot of water collecting around and dripping from the large HVAC unit. The service contractor, B&D Controlled Air was contacted and determined that the heating coil has to be replaced. Unfortunately, due to the age of the parts, the cost to do so would be more expensive than replacing the 20 year old unit. This doesn't have to be done until it gets cold enough to put on the heat. Thankfully the air conditioning portion of the unit is still operable.

A stench has been emanating from an area by the boiler room. It has been determined that 8 to 10" of muck/sludge has accumulated under an outdoor grate in that area. Arrangements will be made to have it cleaned out.

Staff member Vicki DiSanto and her husband were thanked for volunteering to paint the lower level (basement) of the Library.

Bylaws and Policy – There was no report this evening.

Long Range Planning – There was no report this evening.

Personnel – Mrs. Reidy offered to take over as Chair of this Committee, and Mrs. Williamson-Canavan has been added as a member.

Public Relations – Mrs. Mignardi has been added as a member of this Committee.

Mrs. Williamson-Canavan gave some background regarding the creation of a new logo for the Library. A great deal of time was spent on this project by the Committee. The new logo was shared with all. It was a tree with a computer circuit board inside it. Underneath the tree, it said "Somers Library" and under that the words "InformationRecreationTechnologyCulture". Not everyone was totally satisfied with the tree and the circuit board. All were asked to think about how it could be reworked. A request was made for the Committee to share the other designs collected with the rest of the Trustees. It was also suggested that the others check out logos of other Libraries on the internet. Mrs. Williamson-Canavan will determine the next step and share with all. The Board members who were not part of the Public Relations Committee thanked

the members of the Committee profusely for all their hard work as well as the volunteers who assisted in the logo's creation.

Technology – Mrs. Mignardi shared a new device called a “square” with the Trustees. The application can be downloaded to a cell phone and it allows for a credit card to be swiped. The beauty of it is that it is portable and a much cheaper alternative to some of the other options available. It could be used at the Library to allow patrons to pay for fines, etc. with a credit card. A recommendation was made to proceed with caution as it is a brand new device, and some phones are not as secure as others.

The new Library website is almost complete and will be unveiled in time for the start of the 2012/2013 school year.

Somers Library Foundation

Plans for the Foundation's first fundraiser, a 5K Run on September 30 are underway.

Friends of the Somers Library

Mr. Kehoe is willing to act as a liaison between the Friends and the Library Board of Trustees.

The Friends were sorry to hear that Mrs. Damon will no longer serve as a Trustee on the Library Board, but are delighted that she will continue to serve on the Friends Board and work on programs to benefit the Library.

Treasurer Eve Kehoe has resigned, but will remain on the Friends' Board. Linda Horton has agreed to work on Treasurer tasks, but doesn't want the responsibility of filing taxes. A resident retired accountant has volunteered his services. He is away for three months of the year, but has assured the Friends this shouldn't be an issue.

The Friends will hold their Annual Meeting on June 24 at 3:00 p.m. in the Program Room of the Library. Jim Sparks will speak about Monet. Refreshments will be served.

Over the last month, funds were allocated to purchase additional furniture and lamps for the lower level (basement) of the Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Somers Library Board of Trustees

cc: Library Board of Trustees
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