

Library Board Meeting

Present: Jane Nuse, Jessica Bickford, Stacey Waterman, Jeanne Engel, Brian Story

Minutes of last month's meeting were approved, with one small change which will be fixed. Motion was made to accept the minutes, seconded.

Brian states he got approval from the State to put up a library sign down on Main St. so that will be ordered and installed in the near future.

Jeanne states we are all geared up for Summer Reading Program. Next Wednesday is the "kick-off". Many fun activities are planned for the summer.

The library got "egged" last week on the front and the side. Some of it was cleaned off but more remains to be taken off. The Sheriff's Dept was not called but if it becomes a pattern, or something more serious takes place, the authorities will be contacted. Jeanne says that in the Fall, she will speak to the Sheriff about keeping an eye on the back of the building on Thursday nights.

Stacey reports we are waiting for the last round of payables to go through, but budget looks good at this point. She reports our Funds are higher than expected. She reports we will be \$3,000 over the estimate for what we would get from our investments. Do we want to think about starting a reserve fund for such monies?

Jessica reports that she, Stacey, and Jeanne looked at the former Catholic Church as a possibility for moving the library, [in thinking about flood considerations on our present building.]as it is going up for sale this summer. She reports that the building needs a lot of work, and space may not be configured the way we would want it for a library. There is no knowledge of the asking price at this time. Brian stated that if we were interested in pursuing such a move, it would involve a lot of fund raising. He discussed what might be involved in fund raising, not only on a local level, but national organizations that might have funds available. What is a realistic funding goal for us? Brian suggests we look at fundraising options as well as talk to the people from the church to see how much they want for the building and how long would they be willing to wait while we fund raise. We decided to table the discussion for tonight and do more research for our August meeting.

We are accepting inquiries for a new person on the Board until June 30th. People who are interested should submit a letter of interest and tell us why they would like to be on the Board and what they feel they could bring to the Board. We have had one inquiry

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thus far. Brian spoke to us about how appointments are now accepted. When the Board is made aware of a vacancy, the Town will post it in local papers and/or FPF. Or whatever other avenue we want to use to gather applicants. The Library Board can let the Select Board know who has shown interest and give a recommendation(s) to the Select Board. The Select Board will have the final decision.

Meeting adjourned 6:43 PM

Next meeting: August 9, 2017

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