

The Cyrenius H. Booth Library Minutes
Board of Trustees Meeting
February 13, 2018

Present: Robert Geckle, William McCarthy, Donna Rahtelli, Colleen Honan, Matthew Mihalcik, Christene Freedman, Walter Motyka, Thomas D'Agostino, Steven Meeker, Beryl Harrison, Douglas Lord

Absent: Amy Dent, Laura Goldstein, Beth Hamilton, Raymond Irrera, Mark Principi, John Reed, Anne Rothstein

Guests: Denise Kaiser, Thomas Long

Meeting called to order at 7:07PM by Robert Geckle

Consideration of Minutes: Colleen Honan motioned to accept the January 9, 2018 minutes. Walter Motyka seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Public Participation: None

President's Announcements: Robert Geckle extended a sincere thank you to Beryl Harrison for serving us well as acting director. He welcomed Douglas Lord as the new director and he was officially introduced to the board. It was announced that Steven Meeker will be resigning his position due to his current employment situation. The annual \$100 fee to the Association of Connecticut Library Boards is due soon.

On December 5, 2017, we were notified that a complaint was filed by Bruce Walczak vs Chairman, C.H. Booth Library Board of Trustees and C.H. Booth Library Trustees alleging an F.O.I.A. violation by our agency. This complaint centers around a special Board of Trustees meeting held on July 6, 2017. The complaint was withdrawn on January 22, 2018 with the foregoing stipulations:

- All motions at the July 6, 2017 meeting be rescinded and introduced in a proper manner at a later Library Board meeting: COMPLETED
- Acknowledgement of the complaint be recorded in Board meeting minutes
- A plurality of the Board of Trustees attend an FOIA training session
- All Board and Sub-committee meetings be properly noticed and minutes filed as required under FOIA.

Treasurer's Report: William McCarthy presented the report. The C.I.P. for 2018/19 has passed through all the committees. The C.I.P. for 2017/18 has been released by the BOS and will proceed through BOF and LC with an expected final approval date of mid March.

Report of the Library Director: Douglas Lord reported that the Young Adult Librarian, Kim Weber, has resigned her position effective March 1st. He mentioned that he is thrilled to be stewarding the library.

Committee Reports:

Governance – There is a potential interested party for the slot being vacated by Steven Meeker. This position must be appointed by the Board of Selectman.

Development – The Turkey trot's expenses have been completed. The Annual Fund Drive is still receiving donations. The spring event is scheduled for April 28th at the Rock Ridge Country Club. The Save the Dates are being sent out shortly.

Long Range Planning – no report

Building and Grounds Committee – Thomas D'Agostino reported that a meeting is in order to discuss what would be most advantageous to the patrons with the money soon being released by the town.

Art and History – no report

Friends of the Library Liaison – no report

Old Business: none

New Business: none

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Christene Freedman. Colleen Honan seconded the motion. All in favor and motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07PM

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Rahtelli
Secretary
C.H. Booth Library Board of Trustees