

The Cyrenius H. Booth Library Minutes
Board of Trustees Meeting
May 8, 2018

Present: Amy Dent, William McCarthy, Donna Rahtelli, Raymond Irrera, Beth Hamilton, John Reed, Anne Rothstein, Matthew Mihalcik, Thomas D'Agostino, Gregory Branecky, Douglas Lord

Absent: Robert Geckle, Mark Principi, Walter Motyka, Colleen Honan, Laura Goldstein, Christene Freedman

Guests: Denise Kaiser, Thomas Long, Abbey Lynch

Meeting called to order at 7:03PM by Amy Dent

Consideration of Minutes: John Reed motioned to accept the April 10, 2018 minutes. Beth Hamilton seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Public Participation: None

President's Announcements: Amy Dent reported in Robert Geckle's absence. The staff appreciation dinner is scheduled for June 8th at 6PM. The board is responsible for soft drinks, appetizers, dinner and sides. A signup sheet was passed around to the members. A plurality of the board has attended an F.O.I. session.

Treasurer's Report: William McCarthy presented the report. The final profit for the Mad Hatter event will be posted by next month.

Report of the Library Director: Douglas Lord introduced our new Young Adult Librarian. A warm welcome was offered to Abbey Lynch. He had an opportunity to visit the Austin, Texas library and presented a slide show. A discussion ensued about some very innovative ideas observed by him. Douglas reported that the I.T. Librarian position is still open; however, 8 applicants are currently being reviewed. An employee safety program is being planned for the near future.

Committee Reports:

Governance – It was reported that 2 policies are being reviewed for a report in June.

Development – The April 28th Mad Hatter event has been deemed a success. The total profit will be reported in June. The preparation for the Turkey Trot is underway. John Godin has graciously offered to be the race director with the stipulation that someone else is in place for the following year.

Long Range Planning – Our architect, John Madzula, is completing plans for space. After he has submitted his plans, a walkthrough will take place in the library and surrounding outside areas.

Building and Grounds Committee – Thomas D’Agostino reported that the library is officially on a cooling cycle.

Art and Historical – No Report

Friends of the Library Liaison – Denise Kaiser from Friends reported in Anne Rothstein’s absence. The Little Book Store can no longer accept credit card payments. Their membership renewal drive is in full swing. They will give \$105,000 to the library for the 2018-2019 year. The Friends have decided to join the Newtown Chamber of Commerce. The upcoming book sale is scheduled for July 7-11th. All board members are welcome to volunteer at any time during the week.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by John Reed. Thomas D’Agostino seconded the motion. All in favor and motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM

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