

The Cyrenius H. Booth Library Minutes
Board of Trustees Meeting - The Gathering Room
Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Present: Gregory Branecky, Tom Long, Douglas Lord, William McCarthy, Anne Rothstein, Donna Rahtelli, Colleen Honan, Amy Dent, Elaine Corbo, Matthew Mihalcik, Beth Hamilton, Laura Goldstein, John Reed, Thomas D'Agostino, William Beard Jr.

Absent: Christene Freedman, Raymond Irrera

Guests: Denise Kaiser

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Amy Dent

Consideration of Minutes:

Matthew Mihalcik made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 2019 special meeting, and Greg Branecky seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Public Participation: None

President's Announcements:

Amy Dent welcomed the newest member to the Board, William Beard, Jr. Doug Lord will let both Board members, as well as the Friends, know when the Legislative Council is scheduled to consider the library budget. Both groups are encouraged to attend the meeting to show their support.

Treasurer's Report:

William McCarthy shared the treasurer's report for February. There is an income shortfall in the fundraising line which will hopefully be addressed by the spring fundraiser. William suggested that we request the next disbursement of funds from the Friends given that the majority of the second disbursement has been spent.

William McCarthy made a motion to request from the friends the third installment of their annual donation to the library. Matthew Mihalcik seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Library Director's Report:

A comprehensive report was circulated to the Board in advance of the meeting with news provided by each Department Head. The library participated in the 2019 Fairfield County Giving Day resulting in donations from 36 individuals totaling \$1,500. Doug

provided a summary of February 2019 circulation and program activities. Almost all areas showed a significant increase over comparable figures for February 2018.

Committee Reports:

Governance - The Governance Committee met and reviewed the policy for use of the various meeting rooms available in the library. Space formerly referred to as the 'Board Room' is now used by the Friends and not available for public use. The Gathering Room is now available for public gatherings, along with the Meeting Room. Doug will circulate the new language to Board members for their review.

Development - The Mad Hatter planning committee has settled on Friday, May 31st for the spring fundraising event, and Father Bob has agreed to be the auctioneer. Invitations should be out in the mail by early April. Each Board member is asked to donate \$50.

Matthew Mihalcik and Tom Long have begun planning for the 2019 Turkey Trot. Plans include changing the course and designing a new logo. This will be the 10th anniversary for the event.

Finance - No report

Long Range Planning and Building and Grounds - Tom D'Agostino reported that the 2017-18 and 2018-19 CIP funds are now available. The top three priorities are the renovation in the Children's Department, the roof repair, and the HVAC repair. The committee has decided not to move forward with the Eversource proposal mentioned at the February meeting.

Art and Historical – No report

Friends of the Library Liaison - No report

Old Business: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Amy reported that the Friends have been approached by an anonymous donor who would like to fund a program for young adults to explore the classics in literature. This restricted gift would be given in memory of a dedicated, 20-year library volunteer.

Beth Hamilton made a motion to accept an anonymous donation, a minimum of \$3,000, to provide a classics program for young adults. Anne Rothstein seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Matthew Mihalcik and seconded by Colleen Honan. All in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hamilton
Secretary
C.H. Booth Library Board of Trustees

*THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE C. H. BOOTH LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT THE NEXT MEETING.*