

HAZARD LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 21, 2014 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m.

Present were Lisa Semenza (Director), Rachel Karn (President), Amy Emerson (Treasurer), Denise Littlejohn, Ron Buxenbaum, Kathy Button, Dan Thayer and Kathy Bailey (Secretary). Kris Minster was excused.

Motion: To approve minutes for June meeting (Amy/Ron), all in favor.

Announcements: The library has been promised a \$10,000 state grant, courtesy of our State Senator, Michael Nozzolio. We hope to use these funds toward water-proofing our chronically flooding basement.

Librarian's Report: Lisa reports attending a training session for e-readers, and twice visiting Emily Howland School with Sandy Groth to promote summer reading and distribute books to the kindergartners.

Story Hour ended for the school year, with our summer program starting up the following week. Attendance has been good, both for the planned programs and at the library. "Science on the Porch" has also been popular.

The Literacy Committee reports that 6 Little Free Libraries are up and running in the school district.

Lisa has been busy re-arranging shelving in an effort to make better use of our limited space. Many thanks to John Birk and Seth Semenza for materials and labor!

Kris Minster has posted signs for the book sale. Mitchell Brown will bring a work crew to move books, and 25 tables have been ordered from SCCS. Lisa has asked Ken to order a dumpster for the wet books.

We are still awaiting a bid update from Dave Marion for exterior work to the building.

The internet and wifi are still down. Lisa will continue to seek assistance from Mike Fall at SCCS and from BOCES. Other internet options may need to be explored.

Motion: To accept Librarian's Report (Kathy Button/Ron), all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Amy has paid the Polaris bill for circulation software, and also the library's quarterly taxes. She has met with Whitney Barnes from Merrifield Barnes and would like to work with him on choosing investments for the library. She will invite him to attend our next meeting.

We have not yet received the check from Mike Nozzolio.

Motion: To accept Treasurer's Report (Kathy Button/Dan), all in favor.

Old Business: Ron continues to deal with our basement issues. He repaired a hose so that the dehumidifier could drain properly. He has also contacted the county highway department about clearing out the drainage ditch, so far to no avail. Ron will seek additional input from people who have worked on this in the past, and will have a better look at the situation once the books have been moved.

We will wait on the tree planting project until we know what work the basement will need.

Tabled for now: (1) decision on outdoor book-drop, pending further research, and (2) updating policy manual.

Next meeting will be August 18th at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00