

Willimantic Public Library Board Minutes

Date: April 28, 2015

Attendance: Judd Ayer, Chair; Delia Berlin; J. Drusilla Carter, Director; Olga Ezis; Neil Mesick; Merle Potchinsky. Guest: Frances Massy

Call to Order: Chairman Ayer called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Citizens and Delegations: Chairman Judd introduced Frances Massy, visiting to assess interest in board vacancy. He also reported that board member Mary Lou DeVivo is temporarily unable to physically attend meetings for medical reasons, but is participating and keeping abreast through phone contacts with him. We all hope to see her back soon.

Acceptance of Minutes: March meeting minutes were reviewed. Neil made a motion to approve and Olga seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Reports: The Director's report of activities for March 2015 was reviewed. The Libraries Day at the Capitol went very well and as of now it appears that most of the critical budget funds have been restored. It was noted that the security company is working very professionally and that the security guard has been very effective in diffusing difficult situations quickly.

Old Business: The King Trust Fund regulations and balance were reviewed. Morgan Stanley has been effectively managing this fund for the town. Strict restrictions are in place for how these funds may be used.

New Business: There have been some staffing challenges due to illness and resignations, but remaining staff has added hours to allow for all shifts to be covered. With uncertainty about timing of renovations, flexibility has been integrated into all summer programs. For example, some of the Children's Department programs may be held in outdoor spaces, or at association libraries if needed. Music events are being planned month-to-month.

Other matters as may come before the Board: There was brief discussion about procedures to fill board vacancy and consideration of alternative nominations. Interested candidates should be invited to attend a meeting as guests.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Delia Berlin, Co-Secretary