

Willimantic Public Library Board Minutes

Date: November 26, 2013

Attendance: J. Ayer, L. Lambert, O. Kurnyk-Ezis, E. Jenkins, J.D. Carter

Call to Order: Chairman J. Ayer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

There were no **Citizen or Delegations** to report

Acceptance of Minute:

Motion made by E. Jenkins to accept the minutes, seconded by O. Kurnyk-Ezis. L. Lambert abstained having been absent at the meeting. Several spelling correction made. Minutes accepted.

Director's Report:

Drusilla pointed out that the dates on her listing of meetings and activities should indicate 10 (October), not 9 (September). There was brief discussion of several items, including that the new library bulletin board arrangements have been working out well. The first Town budget meeting for the upcoming fiscal year will be soon.

Old Business:

The Board asked about the progress of the Library's renovation funding. Drusilla said that the Town's Capital Committee meets next month and that the Library is one of four projects under consideration. We will await word.

New Business:

There was discussion of cancelling the December Board meeting considering the Holiday Tea on December 17. O. Kurnyk-Ezis moved, L. Lambert seconded to cancel. Passed.

Re: the Tea, the Friends of the Willimantic Public Library will be asked to provide paper goods again this year, and the Food Coop will contribute again.

Drusilla will prepare next year's calendar of meetings for the Town, including no July meeting.

J. Ayer brought up P. Zizka's concerns with some of the Library's materials transferred to the ECSU library. With Judd's agreement, it was decided to postpone discussion until the next meeting that Pete is in attendance to present his concerns.

Other Business to come before the Board:

The Board discussed a proposed letter written by Children's Librarian Gail Zeiba to Rep. Susan Johnson about Library staff members' concerns with the increasing number of mentally ill and homeless people spending the day in the Library and the effect their presence has on

other patrons. With input from Drusilla about current procedures and staff training possibilities, there was agreement that Gail should send a revised letter adding those points. There was agreement also that Board Chair J. Ayer should send a letter to Town Manager Neal Beets on the Board's behalf backing further staff training for these difficult situations. Judd will share his draft with Board before sending.

Meeting was **adjourned** at 8 p.m.

Next meeting: January 28, 2014

Respectfully submitted December 1, 2013

Elsie Jenkins, acting Secretary