

Willimantic Public Library Board Minutes

Date: Tuesday, 30 April , 2013

Attendance: Chairman J. Ayer, J.D. Carter, E. Jenkins, B. Lacey, L. Lambert, P. Zizka.

Absent: O. Kurnyk-Ezis

Chairman Judd Ayer called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was made (Laura) and seconded (Barbara) to accept the March minutes. All were in favor and motion carried.

Citizens and delegations (Public Comment): No citizens or delegations

Reports:

1- Drusilla reported that progress was being made in the area of programming – more people are starting to attend scheduled programs. 50 people had attended a program for a poet's book. Judd mentioned that there seems to be a "revitalization of library culture".

2- Importance of building bridges among libraries (sharing of information, plans etc.)

3- Judd asked about the Fire Code Inspection. Drusilla said that the back entrance had been cluttered and that the clearances were not wide enough. The recycle bins had to be moved. Both items had been corrected. The staff had practiced fire drills.

4- Drusilla reported on a grant writing workshop that she had attended for the CT Association of Non-Profits. A case study about a library renovation project had been presented.

Old Business:

- Long Range Plan – A copy of the existing plan and some additions/modifications was handed out. Board members were encouraged to read it and see if any questions or comments came to mind..

New Business:

1- The State Library has sent out a letter about grants. If we wait until next Spring to submit a grant, we may be able to get a 50% grant rather than a 30% grant due to some proposed changes being sought by the State Library.

2- A question was raised concerning ways in which we might make the public aware of what we are doing and what we will need (e.g. renovation project and seeking of funds).

3- The Friends of the Library are going to become a tax exempt organization

4- Compliments to Gail on the Storyline Project.

5- Next meeting will be the day after Memorial Day.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Judd Ayer at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted 25 May, 2013

Pete Zizka, Board Secretary
