

Seymour Public Library Board of Directors
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2010

Present: Loreen Coe, Brian Koskelowski, Joyce Koslowski, Steve Kulas, Pauline Lounsbury, Diane Sosnovich, Robert Potash, Carol Ralston, Head Librarian

CALL TO ORDER convened at 6:55 p.m. with pledge of allegiance led by Pauline Lounsbury.

INTRODUCTION & PRESENTATION: Friends of Library trustees, Paula Chapla and Gerry Eckhardt were introduced. Packets were distributed to the board. Paula Chapla led the presentation discussing financial investments, trusts and options being implemented and monitored by the Seymour Friends of the Library. A proposal to change previous trustees to current trustees was requested of the Seymour Public Library Board. Steve Kulas suggested contacting the Valley Community Foundation regarding investments as they seem to have had good success. Paula was given Jamie Cohen's name and phone number as a contact for the Foundation. The proposal to change trustees was added under "new business". Friends representatives were invited to sit in on the Board meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from March 18, 2010 meeting was granted.

Motion to Accept: Steve Kulas; Second: Joyce Koskelowski Abstain: Brian Koskelowski 6-1-0

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hamel Trust Fund check of \$37,850.88 was budgeted in February to be used for FY 2010/11.

Motion to Accept: Steve Kulas, Second: Diane Sosnovich 7-0-0

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Town of Seymour had denied request to include the cost of oil for the library. There will be a town meeting on April 22 and a referendum on April 29. Request to the board to move \$1,000 from saving to oil line to cover shortfall of \$826.51 for oil delivery of 900 gallons on March 22, 2010. This should be final delivery of oil for this season.

Amount of \$6,077.00 was deposited into checking account from Wooster Fund. Carol suggested transferring this money into savings account, marking it as unbudgeted payment on Wooster endowment. She also suggested the Board use the funds as needed to support the oil line in the FY10/11 budget rather than incorporate funds into the general budget.

Interest rates for savings and checking accounts has .05% from Bank of America. The CD interest from Naugatuck Savings Bank is 4.72% and will come due in July 2012. It was suggested by Paula Chapla that the Board look into a sweep account which may provide more interest.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion made by Steve Kulas to add proposal for trustee changes for Friends of the Library added to agenda. Second: Brian Koskelowski 7-0-0

Motion made to appoint five new trustees to Friends of the Seymour Library to include: Gerry Eckhardt, Irene Jecusco, Diane Koskelowski, Beryl Valerio and Paula Chapla. Motion to approve: Steve Kulas, Second: Robert Potash 6-0-0 Brian Koskelowski recusing from vote

Paula Chapla requested a copy of the April 15 minutes of the Seymour Library Board of Directors meeting.

Vote to move \$6,077.00 from checking to savings account and mark as contingency for oil as discussed previously.

Motion to Accept: Loreen Coe; Second: Steve Kulas 7-0-0

Approval was given to withdraw \$1,000 from savings to pay invoice from East River Energy.

Motion to Accept: Steve Kulas; Second: Joyce Koslowski 7-0-0

Expenditures of \$1,550.00 were approved for April.

Motion to Accept: Steve Kulas; Second: Loreen Coe 7-0-0

Carol Ralston, Diane Sosnovich and Maryann Magda will form a committee to investigate interest on savings and checking with Naugatuck Valley Bank and will report back to the Board at the May meeting.

Robert Potash reported on research into preventing the ice buildup on the roof that kept occurring this past winter. There are heating wires available to install on roof to prevent ice from forming. Cost would be approximately \$5.00 per foot. Carol mentioned that she was unsure whether this would work on a flat roof. Brian Koskelowski added that the fire house uses these and he would talk to the town commissioners to see if this would be viable for the library roof. Further inquiries will be made to see if this system would work on a flat roof. The Board thanked Mr. Potash for his efforts in checking this out.

Motion to Adjourn: Diane Sosnovich; Second: Steve Kulas 7-0-0

Next Meeting: May 20, 2010

Respectfully Submitted, Cheryl Abbott, Recording Secretary