

SEYMOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes from the Regular Meeting on September 20, 2007

At the Library - Meeting Called to Order at 7:10 P.M.

Board Members Present: Irene Jecusco, Carol Ralston, Pauline Lounsbury, Anne Golebieski, Liz Tift, and Brian Koskelowski.

Chairperson Irene Jecusco Led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Chairman's Remarks

Presentation by Angela Powers and Jamie Cohen from the Valley Community Foundation.

Angela Powers explained that the Valley Community Foundation is comprised of many different smaller funds which are put under one umbrella for efficiency purposes. The funds are given from people who have either lived or live in this community or who want to give specifically to the Valley. The Valley Community Foundation then invests those funds, and then makes grants from those funds as directed by the donors of those funds.

Angela Powers further explained that the Valley Community Foundation is part of the Community Foundation of Greater New Haven. The Community Foundation of Greater New Haven has been in existence since the 1950's and has in excess of 250 million dollars. The Community Foundation of Greater New Haven gives the Valley Community Foundation goals to achieve in order to distribute their funds. For example, if the Valley Community Foundation can get 15 to 16 million dollars, the Valley Community Foundation will be able to distribute 1-1/4 millions dollars from the Gates Brothers' Fund who passed away in the 1950's.

The Valley Community Foundation has thirteen Board of Directors, two of which are from Seymour.

Irene Jecusco explained to Angela Powers and Jamie Cohen that the Library Board is just in the beginning stages of planning a new endowment campaign for charitable purposes, and will be working with Friends of the Library on this campaign. Jamie Cohen explained that the minimum amount to start a fund is \$10,000.00 for a dedicated fund.

The discretionary fund is from the Board of Directors who will be able to make grants from the five Valley towns.

Approval of June 21, 2007 Minutes

Motion to accept the June 21, 2007 minutes made by Pauline Lounsbury. Brian Koskelowski seconded. Liz Tift and Anne Golebieski abstained. All in favor – 3.

Treasurer's Report

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for July and August 2007 made by Brian Koskelowski. Liz Tift seconded. All in favor – unanimous.

Librarian's Report

A question was asked by Irene Jecusco regarding the roof work. Carol Ralston explained that the contractor tore up all of the tar paper on the old roof, did some carpentry work on the base of the roof, compounded, sealed and caulked the new roof.

Carol Ralston stated that Marco Gianetti has been hired for full-time work by the Town of Seymour, and will work along with Roger.

Carol Ralston also stated that Zoning came in with Roger to look over the A/C condition. One bid has come in at the amount of \$150,000.00. Irene Jecusco to speak to Bob Koskelowski regarding the funding of the air-conditioning project, and will speak to Christine, the grant writer for the Town of Seymour, to look into other grants for this project. Irene Jecusco told the Board that the Matthies Foundation has given \$35,000.00 towards this project.

[Carol Ralston to purchase per Irene Jecusco's request a book on grants for libraries both in the public and private sectors.]

Irene Jecusco to purchase a gift for Diane at her October 12, 2007 retirement party, and present it to her from the Library Board.

A question was asked regarding the circulation statistics. Carol Ralston stated that she and Diane had been culling books from the 1960's and 1970's. Friends of the Library will be selling these books at \$.10 per book.

Pauline Lounsbury asked Carol Ralston regarding Mary Anne's new position at the library. Carol Ralston stated that she will be discussing with the other staff members on any recommendations for staffing, job descriptions, etc. When completed, Carol will submit this information to Bob Koskelowski and the Library Board for review.

By-Laws

Tabled until October 2007 meeting. [Brian Koskelowski to bring his Charter book to next meeting.]

Renovation in Work Area and Children's Room

Tabled until October 2007 meeting.

Review of Expenditures

Motion to accept the Expenditures over July and August 2007 in the amount of \$45,877.00 and the Expenditure Profile for Materials in September 2007 in the amount of \$4,195.00 made by Brian Koskelowski. Liz Tift seconded. All in favor – unanimous.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. by Brian Koskelowski. Liz Tift seconded. All in favor – unanimous.

Reviewed and Submitted by:

Irene Jecusco, Chair