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Seymour Public Library Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2017-Regular Meeting

Attendance- Joyce Koslowski, Harvey Eckhardt, Paula Chapla, Jean Uhelsky, Debbie Wasikowski, Mike Flynn, Thomas Schutte, Director of Community Services, Mary McNelis and Library Director, Suzanne Garvey.

Board Chair, Paula Chapla, called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:01PM.

Review of the Minutes from the December 15th Regular Meeting-
Motion to accept: Joyce Koslowski; Seconded by: Debbie Wasikowski.
Approved 6-0-1

Review of the Treasurers Report for December-
Motion to accept: Harvey Eckhardt, Seconded by: Jean Uhelsky.
Approved 6-0-1

Librarian's Report-

December Patron Counter: 3427

Computer Use: 374

Budget: The libraries night to appear in front of the Finance Board is Monday, February 27th at 7:30PM-7:45PM.

Building Maintenance: Roger Foster noticed a leak in the ceiling by the children's room on January 10th. Tony Caserta and Don Smith have both been to look at the leak and are in touch with the roofers. Alex Danka is working on fixing the heat in the stairwell going down to the Friends book area.

Furniture: The computer tables came in. Roger Foster, Duffy and Alex Danka all assisted in getting the materials in the building and setting it up. Roger cleaned up space and took down study carrels.

Friends of the library: The Friends of the Library purchased a new laptop for the library. Dell 15in Windows 10 with USB and HDMI hook ups. The computer will be used for programming and can be used for meetings, for work off site, and even performing inventory with it. It is a

great and incredible addition to the library. It will also help improve the service to the patrons.

Donations: The Rychalsky Family donated \$750. They asked that each staff be able to select an item that would benefit to the collection. The rest of the funds would be used to purchase materials that would bring some of the collection more up to par (DVD and Music CD) but to also work to provide materials to the town of Seymour that are not available elsewhere. The Rychalsky's are hoping to assist to make "Seymour Library unique and outstanding in its selection of materials."

The library also received a new magni-light reader. It was donated by Theodore Klein from the Watermark in Southbury Ct, with the help of his aide-Pamela Albert. Suzanne applied for this reader after she saw it listed. They chose Seymour Public Library among the many other applications.

Library Programs: Children's programs centered around crafts and the holidays. Of note was a Saturday Adult/Child program. The program was, Wingsters-Birds of Prey. Julie Anne Collier, a raptor rehabilitator, brought in 5 birds and 61 patrons attended. Andrew Eder from Voices attended the program and there is a nice piece written on their online site.

Public Comment-

No Comment.

New Business-

Magni-Sight Reader/Table for it-

Paula Chapla suggested getting a table that is specifically for the reader. Suzanne is going to look into the table and bring what she finds to the next meeting.

Clarification Meeting Room Policy-Home School/Education-

The board came to a decision to not have home schooling in the meeting room. But they are free to use the children's area but not bother other patrons.

Town Budget Vote-

Discussion of budget that is to be submitted to the town. Discussion of asking for one additional staff part time rather than two. It was noted that the addition of one part time staff would not be sufficient to open the library on Mondays. Paula Chapla expressed the wish to see the library move forward- not backwards. One staff would guarantee three in the building at all times and programs on Saturdays.

The Board agreed with the budget.

A motion to accept was made by Joyce Koslowski and was seconded by Harvey Eckhardt. Approved 7-0-0

Finance Board Date-Monday, February 27,2017 at 7:30PM

Public Comment-

No comment.

Approval of Staff Materials:

Staff materials for January was \$6,600.00

Motion to accept: Joyce Koslowski; Seconded by: Debbie Wasikowski.

Approved: 7-0-0

Adjourning of Meeting:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Debbie Wasikoswski at 7:37PM and seconded by Joyce Koslowski.

Approved: 7-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Becca Cretella, Recording Secretary.

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