

Seymour Public Library Board of Directors Meeting Minutes-
March 16, 2017-Regular Meeting

Attendance- Harvey Eckhardt, Jean Uhelsky, Joyce Koslowski, Thomas Schutte, Debbie Wasikowski, Paula Chapla, and Library Director, Suzanne Garvey.

Board Chair, Paula Chapla, called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance 7:02PM.

Review of the Minutes from the February 16th Regular Meeting-

Motion to accept: Joyce Koslowski; Seconded by: Harvey Eckhardt.

Abstained: Paula Chapla

Approved: 5-0-1

Review of the Treasurers Report for February-

Suzanne Garvey is going to look into a \$2 bank charge and why the gas bill was double this month.

Motion to accept: Debbie Wasikowski; Seconded: Harvey Eckhardt.

Approved: 6-0-0

Librarian's Report-

Finance Meeting- Following up on the capital fund and furniture etc. for the library. Suzanne contacted CT state libraries to ask if they had any furniture companies that they like and that were reputable to do business with. Many replied with an answer of RH Lord in Manchester.

They are sending a representative to the Library on Tuesday March 14 to create a wish list-shelving, tables, study carrels, desk, etc.

State of Libraries in CT-Governor's proposals for next fiscal year-

These cuts could be detrimental for the future of libraries in CT.

1. Eliminate funding for borrowIT CT- \$781,820 in cuts each year.
2. Annualize last year's "holdbacks" across other State Library programs, including CLC, researchIT CT, and deliverIT CT- \$318,886 in cuts each year.

3. In addition, **Governor's House Bill no. 7051**, a budget implementation bill, proposes changes to state statues that could effectively eliminate the borrowIT CT program permanently.

Building Maintenance- Building leaks are being monitored, nothing new to report.

Matthies Grants: Suzanne applied for various items this year. Ann applied for a grant for some children's programming equipment and materials for Family Place. Suzanne applied for an AED for the downstairs area since they are using the downstairs area more frequently. She also applied for an assisted listening devices and a stereo system to wire the room downstairs for stereo and sound. This would be in compliance with ADA standards.

Library Programs- The library is just starting programming again from the winter hiatus. Ann started running some family place programs the last week in February. The Assisted Living Book Club took place in February.

Public Comment-

No Comment.

Old Business-

Table for Magni Sight/Furniture/Old Furniture-

The Friends of the Library plan to purchase a table for us.

New Business-

Library Hours/Future-

If the Library does acquire additional staff, the Board does have a preference for increased library hours. The Board would like to see the library opening for Saturday Summer hours over opening nights or Monday if the library was to extend their hours.

State Library/ DVD Limit Increase-

Everyone on the board came to agreement that the new limit for DVDs should be 8 DVDs- with a maximum of 4 new DVDS per person.

Library Grounds Signage-

No action was taken on this item. The issues will continue to be monitored.

Public Comment-

No Comment.

Review and Vote on the Staff Materials Request for March-

Staff materials for March is \$5,710.

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

Approved: 6-0-0

Adjourning of Meeting:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Harvey Eckhardt at 7:53PM and seconded by Joyce Koslowski.

Approved: 6-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Becca Cretella, Recording Secretary.

3/24/17