

**HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MAY 9, 2017**

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order: T. Rigney called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Roll Call of Members:

Stacy Christensen, Rajene Hardeman, Donna Haynes, Randy Lashua, Prudence Posner, Thomas Rigney, Derek Sanderson, Karen Twohig and Director Amy Raff, *ex officio*. Jan Dolan was excused.

Votes: All votes were unanimous, unless otherwise noted.

Public Participation:

None.

Director Raff introduced Destiny Sanchez, the winner of the Savoit Essay Contest and she was awarded a \$1,000 educational award.

Raquel Verdesi and Mark Price from Wee Play were both recognized and thanked for all they do. They were given certificates and they presented Ginny Figlia with a check to support the children's programs.

Guest Speakers:

None.

Reading of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

P. Posner made a **motion** to accept the March 11, 2017 meeting minutes. Seconded by S. Christensen and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: See attached report.

The **motion** to accept the warrants and claims for vouchers #1480 – 1481, 1483 – 1498, and 1500-1519 for the month was made by K. Twohig and seconded by P. Posner. Motion carried. K. Twohig made a **motion** to accept the Financial Report as presented. Seconded by R. Lashua and the motion carried.

President's Report: See attached report.

Director's Report: See attached report.

Unfinished/Committee Reports:

Action Development Committee:

There was no report.

Helen Savoit:

K. Twohig stated Wee Play was very pleased with their award. K. Twohig thanked the Director, the Trustees and the staff for all their work and support. She stated it seemed like there was more support from the community for the scholarship. D. Haynes suggested looking into the possibility of just doing a wine and cheese event next year. She also asked if a letter could be sent to the Beacon High School to let them know of the scholarship recipient.

Building & Finance:

There was no report.

Personnel/Nominating:

There was no report.

Bylaws:

R. Lashua presented the proposed bylaws for the Boards' review. There was a lot of discussion regarding the structure of the Finance Committee and the Executive Officers as well as the Treasurer's positions.

The Board decided to table this discussion to give everyone time to review the proposal. P. Posner suggested approving the committee structure at the June meeting so the new year can start with that in place.

Friends:

T. Rigney stated that all Board members should join the Friends Group.

New Business:

R. Hardeman stated there is a Foster Grandparents organization that pulls volunteers to help with different programs and she thought they may be able to do some sort of tutoring program in the library. The organization is based in Elmsford and supports all of the Mid-Hudson region.

Good and Welfare:

Nothing to report.

Adjournment:

P. Posner made a motion to adjourn at 9:20 PM. Seconded by S. Christensen and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Beyer, Recording Secretary

Attachments

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report

Motion to accept the Claims Audit Process

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