LIBRARY TRUSTEE MINUTES

Monday, February 12, 2018

Attendance: Kevin Carleton, Carol Sullivan-Hanley, Chris Mirarchi, Elizabeth Holthaus, Nancy Verseckes, Sheila Kukstis and Jessi Finnie

# The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for January 2018 were approved.

Public questions and/or comments: Jim Boudreau, the new Town Administrator, Milena Davidova, new president of the Friends and John Sullivan, member of the West Cork Sister City Project were present.

Jim Boudreau talked of his commitment to libraries and all that they have to offer communities. His dad worked in the Copley Square, BPL. He looks forward to supporting the Scituate Library as he can.

Milena Davidova, new president of the Friends of the Library talked of the success of the bookstore and her desire to increase publicity of its presence. A Facebook page is being established.

John Sullivan of the West Cork Sister City Project talked of a desire to establish an “Irish Collection” in the Library. With Scituate having so many Irish residents, it is his thought that a collection will be valued and appreciated. He knows that such a collection has been successful and well received in the Plymouth Public Library. Carol Sullivan-Hanley, will visit and chat with Library Director, Jennifer Harris.

Foundation update:

1. A new Foundation member, Aimee Barnes was approved by all the Trustees.

Director’s Reports

Library Facility

1. Generator, there is no news as the Library is still awaiting a quote.
2. The mobile shelving has been delivered and it will initially hold large art books.
3. Replacement chairs have not yet arrived and all of the “faulty” chairs have been removed.
4. There are leaks along the storage area wall. The contractor is being contacted to repair it.
5. On January 25, 2018, a ceiling slat near the lantern appeared loose. The contractor was contacted and the repair was made. Until this did occur, the main stairway and the Teen Room were closed.

Building Project Updates

1. The AHU2 problem continues to be just that and the Public Buildings Committee is now involved to sort out and request financial compensation for its repair.
2. There was a variance submitted by the architect to MAAB for the slant of the sidewalk going down to Branch Street. This variance was not approved and there may be some need for a design adjustment in the front of the building.

General Library News

1. The proposed Library Budget will be reviewed by the Selectmen on January 23, 2018 and the Advisory Committee on January 25, 2018.
2. The OCLN Legislative Reception was poorly attended. An effort to inform Trustees and interested parties to present bills related to Library funding was recommended.
3. An Art Sub-Committee is being established to choose and display the art throughout the Library. Names of local artists have been recommended.
4. The digitization of newspapers has been approved by State Aid Funds.
5. The digitization of Town Reports has been approved at new cost.
6. The Long Range Planning Committee is still being established.
7. The Unattended Minor Policy was voted discussed and approved.
8. Candidates seeking reelection have taken out papers for the May election.

Incident reports: none at this time.

The next meeting will be March 12, 2018 at 7p.m.

Adjournment: 9:45 pm