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Ansonia Library Board of Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting
November 2, 2015

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Others Pres.</u>
Margaret Sullivan, C.P.	Joanne Czczot	Ex. Tamara Chisefsky
Karen Phipps, V.C.	Marcia Dobrowski	Mary Ann Capone, Dir.
Violet O'Donnell, Tres.	Eileen Ehman	Sue Olmstead, FOTAL
Sue Behun	Robert Martino	

Call to Order:

Mrs. Sullivan called the Ansonia Library Board of Directors' meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Ansonia Library. All stood to pledge the flag. The recording clerk took roll call attendance, 8 present, 1 excused absence, a quorum was declared.

Consideration of Previous Minutes:

Mrs. Sullivan asked for a consideration of the October 5, 2015 minutes. There were corrections.

Mrs. Phipps made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections, Mrs. Behun seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed.

Corrections:

- Heading should read October 5, 2015
- Pg. 2 under TOTAL should read The Bookworm is
- Personal should read personnel
- Adjourned should read at 7:42 p.m.

Public Session:

M. Sullivan called the public session to order asking three times if there was anyone that wished to speak. As there wasn't anyone present, the public session closed. Mr. Martino made a motion to close the public session, Mrs. O'Donnell seconded the motion. All in favor motion passed.

Communications:

A post card and a thank you note were received and read.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

Checking account balance as of November 2, 2015	\$ 24,568.70
Trust Fund balance as of November 2, 2015	\$ 521,672.77
Disbursement from Trust Fund as of 10/16/2015	\$ 22,339.58

Librarian's Report:

Director M. Capone informed the board that Randy Carroll has given the library watercolor paintings of Ansonia Churches. They will be displayed in the reference room with a water color of the library which is already displayed.

The library report for the City and the Annual Report for the Connecticut State Library have been completed and submitted. She received news that the library is ineligible for the state aid grant of \$1,000 for the purchase of books since Ansonia's appropriation for the library this year is less than the average for the previous 3 years. It was noted that due to the City's budget cuts the library now has one less staff member and cannot purchase new books. Mrs. Capone was hoping that the grant money would purchase new books. The board was disappointed at this news.

The Animal Control Officer has requested if she could place a pet food donation collection box in the library. The board members agreed that it was a good idea. (See Attached for the full librarian's report)

FOTAL: President Olmsted reported that the Friends hosted a rededication of the mosaic tile floor in the library entrance. She also noted that the display case in the entrance is displaying Fall and Thanksgiving figurines.

A Book & Bake Sale is scheduled for November 7, 2015 in the Bookworm from 9a.m. – 1 p.m. There will not be a December. The board members were invited to attend FOTAL meetings which are the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

FOTAL members will donate time to Barnes and Noble Book Store to wrap purchases during the holiday season. A FOTAL donation jar will be present for the customers since they are not charged to have a purchase wrapped.

Mrs. Olmsted spoke to recruiting new members. Board members suggested she contact the high school to discuss recruiting volunteers from within the student body that may have volunteer hours to fulfill. Mrs. Dobrowski made a motion to accept the reports and place on file as submitted, Mrs. Phipps seconded the motion. The motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

Late Communications: None

New Business: Mrs. Behun made a motion to allot \$250.00 to Mrs. Capone for the purchase of holiday decorations. Mr. Martino seconded the motion. All in favor motion passed.

A discussion followed regarding replacing the current lawn sign for the library. Board members will schedule a meeting with Mayor Cassetti to further discuss a new sign.

Establishing a nomination committee for January 2016 for the election of officers was discussed. Mrs. Ehman made the motion to close new business Mrs. Czeczot seconded the motion. The motion passed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The board will hold the next meeting on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ansonia Library.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Czczot made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Dobrowski seconded the motion. All in favor motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary C. Gibson

Mary C. Gibson, Recording Clerk of
Ansonia Library Board of Directors

Enclosures: Treasurer's Report
Librarian's Report