

Ansonia Library Board of Directors

Regular Monthly Meeting

March 3, 2014

Board Members Present

Margaret Sullivan C.P.
Karen Phipps V.C.
Violet O'Donnell Treasurer

Tamara Chisefsky
Joanne Czczot
Eileen Ehman
Robert Martino

Absent

Sue Behun (EA)
Marcia Dobrowski (EA)

Others Present

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Call to Order:

Mrs. Sullivan called the Ansonia Library Board of Directors' meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., at the Ansonia Library. All stood to pledge the flag. The recording clerk took roll call attendance and a quorum was declared. Present 7 Excused Absent 2

Consideration of Previous Minutes:

Mrs. Sullivan asked for a consideration of the January 6, 2014 minutes. Mrs. Ehman made the motion to accept the minutes without any corrections. Mrs. Phipps 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Corrections: There were no corrections.

Public Session:

Mrs. Sullivan called the public session to order asking three times if there was anyone that wanted to speak. As there wasn't anyone present the public session was closed.

Communications: There were no communications.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. O'Donnell reported the following balances as of:

February 3, 2014	March 3, 2014
Checking balance \$16,240.02	\$15,815.20
Trust Fund balance \$547,904.36	\$569,986.71 (Statements Attached)
Disbursement from Trust Fund as of 10/01/2013	\$20,743.13

Librarian's Report: Prepared by Joyce Ceccarelli, Director; presented by MaryAnn Capone. See attached. Library policies are continuing to be updated with final approval from Corporate Council John Marini.

Mrs. Capone reported that the 2014-2015 budget was presented to the Mayor at a budget workshop with the requested 4% cut which was made without cutting staff. There was a discussion regarding the line item for the purchase of books not having an amount listed. There is a second scheduled budget meeting on March 20, 2014 at which it may be possible to add a figure to that line item. Mr. Martino would like to see that line item with a figure to address the purchase of new titles for the shelves.

There is also a concern that soon there will be a need to update computers or purchase new ones with the question where will the money come from. Mrs. Capone stated that Bibliomation offers libraries the opportunity to purchase electronics from there at a lower cost.

Mrs. Ehman also offered information that it is open season for grants to be applied for to pay for the computers. Mr. Martino feels that grants should be to supplement the library not the means to the ends to purchase new computers.

Mrs. Czeczot stated, "If it is too late to change this year's budget, then fall'14 when the next budget is being written there should be a meeting with the library director to brainstorm how the budget is written."

Friends of the Ansonia Library's \$1500 grant is earmarked for the children's room. Ms. Fitol will decide as to how it will be spent.

The board was asked to authorize an amnesty free week for fines, lost items, etc. for the week of April 13-19, 2014 which is National Library Week.

Ms. Torres (appointed by Mayor Cassetti to organize Ansonia's 125 year anniversary) is having a sharing of ideas meeting.

FOTAL have scheduled a book sale for March 15, 2014 in the Community Room.

The Code of Conduct is still being updated and will be presented when updates are completed as it is still a work in progress. A discussion followed regarding the age at which a child can be at the library unsupervised. It was felt that the code of conduct should align itself with what the state mandates.

A motion to accept the Ansonia Library Treasurer's and the Librarian's Report was made by Mr. Marino and 2nd by Mrs. O'Donnell. Motion passed.

Late Communication: There weren't any late communications.

New Business: A motion was made by Mrs. O'Donnell to authorize an amnesty free week during National Library Week, April 13-19, 2014 2nd by Ms. Chisefsky. Motion passed.

The director will send out press releases, post on the web site, on the Facebook, etc. to patrons that have long overdue that the items should return.

Unfinished Business: The library's loan policy will be updated, and will state "A lost DVD will be replaced with a new DVD in an unopened package." It seems that lost DVDs have been replaced with a used DVD.

The board will hold the next meeting on Monday, April 7, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ansonia Library.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Ehman and 2nd by Mr. Martino. Motion carried. The Ansonia Library Board of Directors' Meeting concluded at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary C. Gibson Recording Clerk

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Enclosures: Treasurer's Report

Librarian' Report