

Barrington Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 15th, 2016
Adopted Minutes

Present: Ron St. Jean, Leigh Elliott, Fran DiTursi, Peter Royce, Sam Boduch, Robert Drew, Althea Sheaff, alternates Traci Bisson and Victoria Sellers (6:08pm arrival), Library Director Amy Inglis and Selectman Dawn Hatch.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm with a welcome to re-elected Trustee Robert Drew and newly elected Trustee Leigh Elliott. Peter Royce was nominated to position of Treasurer by Fran DiTursi and Robert Drew. Leigh Elliott was nominated to position of Secretary by Fran DiTursi and Althea Sheaff and Ron St. Jean was nominated by Leigh Elliott and Fran DiTursi to again serve as President. The slate of officers was unanimously elected.

There was discussion of a review of the bylaws and an ad hoc committee was formed (Sam, Fran) to review the bylaws to determine if they need updating, and to consider adding the position of vice president.

Requests will be made to the BOS to reappoint Alternates Traci Bisson and Victoria Sellers

The minutes of February 16th, 2016 were approved as written in a motion by Fran and seconded by Robert and passed on a voice vote.

Donations: Accept donations totaling \$124.50 (itemized below) in a motion by Althea and seconded by Robert and passed on a voice vote.

- **3/3/201 \$60.50** \$50.00 Friends for Teen Programs/ 10.50 chg jar
- **3/10/2016 \$39.00** \$24.00 paint class/ 15.00 chg jar
- \$25.00 from Mary Kay Belford in check format to give to Peter to add to the Building Fund

Public Comment: Dan Ayer, newly elected selectman, presented his opinion on how the town hall and the library would be better supported by performing construction as a joint effort. The board responded that there has been considerable effort made as well as plans drafted for a town hall and library “campus” construction. It was suggested by the board that a meeting between the Board of Library Trustees and the Selectmen may be something to consider to facilitate a more productive discussion.

Building Committee Update: The proposed town hall did not pass at the recent election. Discussion about how this will impact efforts for a new library to be constructed. Two bills from SMP for future library building plans have been paid at this point. It was noted that any other outstanding debts to SMP will need to be billed to the Trustees no later than 3/31/16.

Foundation update: Traci, Foundation Chair, provided new developments for the Foundation, which is now comprised of six members. Traci is working diligently on recruiting more members. She attended the most recent meeting of the Friends of the Library who have graciously offered to pay \$400.00 towards the filing fee for the Foundation to obtain 501c (3) tax status, as well as the costs associated with hosting the Foundation website.

There is continued work on the Foundation website and logo. Also, two fundraisers for the Foundation are in the midst of being planned. There is a meeting to discuss marketing strategies for the Foundation on April 5th, 2016 at 5pm at the library.

Director's Report:

1) Reviewed Appropriate Library Behavior and Unattended Children Policies. The current policies in place are dated 2009 and in need of updating. Amy presented updates to both policies. Appropriate Library Behavior Policy DRAFT was accepted with a motion (m/s Robert/Sam) and Unattended Children Policy DRAFT updates were accepted with a motion (m/s Althea/Peter) which passed on a voice vote.. .

2) Discussion of revising the age that a child can obtain a library card from age 6 to age 5. Rather than set an age limit on when a child can obtain a card, it was suggested that the age requirement be set to "enrolled in kindergarten" or the homeschool equivalent, to encompass children age 5. This revision was approved with a motion (m/s Althea/Robert) and passed on a voice vote.

New business: Discussion of the upcoming NHLTA conference in May. Ron asked the Trustees who will be able to attend which sessions of the conference they would like to attend.

Non-Public Session The Trustees left Public Session at 7:53pm and entered Non-Public to discuss a matter concerning a member of the staff per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) on a roll call vote (7-0).

Return to Public Session at 8:12pm

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14.

Next meeting of the Trustees is April 19th, 2016 at 6pm.

Minutes recorded by Leigh Elliott