

AINSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

October 12, 2017

CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Helen Duke, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Board members present were Marsha Martin, Marvine Lasell, Bill Johnson and Helen Duke and Friends representative Karen Bell and Librarian, Sarah Snow.

In the absence of Maggie Sample, Secretary, Marsha Martin moved to appoint Bill Johnson as acting secretary, seconded by Marvine Lasell. The motion carried.

FRIENDS REPORT – Karen reported on the purchase of the much appreciated refrigerator and also that the book sale netted \$132.10. Karen left shortly after her report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Bill made a motion to accept the secretary's report and Marsha seconded the motion and the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Marsha explained the purpose of the 1099 form and asked if the Board would appreciate a more abbreviated treasurer's report. It was agreed that the summary of the checking account, the profit and loss statement, and the Town's general ledger budget status were appreciated and we would like to continue with the above. Bill made a motion to accept the treasurer's report with a second from Marvine and the motion carried.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT – Sarah was excited to report that the printer is now operational. Thanks to volunteer help from Floyd and a relative of Glen's at no cost to the Library. She also noted a substantial increase in patronage from last year. Bill moved to accept the librarian's report, Marsha seconded the motion and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS – The Will Knight Memorial Fund. Sarah and Bill recommended that we purchase 2 matching bookcases. One for each side of the fireplace and retire 2 of the 3 now there and place the remaining best one in front of the fireplace. Bill moved to purchase 2 bookcases, a 3 and a 4 foot from Romeo Isabelle for a total cost of \$676.00. This will be paid with \$335.00 from the Will Knight Fund and the balance from our checking account. Motion seconded by Marvine and the motion carried. It was agreed that Marsha will investigate the purchase of 2 plaques (in honor of Will Knight and Beth Warrell). Bill reported on the lot across from the library on Rt 14 as a possible acquisition by the Library to be used as a parking area. He suggested that the purchase price would probably be close to \$40,000. He will contact Adam Stone the owner.

The hole in front of the library is in the State right of way. It is a 6 inch inoperative drain that is dangerous. Bill will continue to pursue the issue with the State for a grate cover. The VLA conference for Trustees and Friends, November 4, will be attended by 5 and possibly 6 from the Library.

NEW BUSINESS – Bill has contacted O C Power Solutions and Dexter Electric for work to be done on the wiring on recommendation by Floyd Stuart. Marsha Martin moved that we engage O C Power Solutions based on the written estimate of \$484.18. Marvine seconded the motion and the motion passed. Bill

provided an update on the Williamstown Academy programs, stressing the positive promotion aspects for the library. The next meeting will be November 9, 2017. Bill made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 pm which was seconded by Marvin and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Bill Johnson, Acting Secretary

Maggie Sample, Transcriber