

Kent Public Library

Board of Trustees

Minutes of Meeting of October 18, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Mike Mahoney with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present: Mike Mahoney, Board President, Carol Donick, Library Director, Irene Rohde, Mike McDermott, Jane Fowler, Friends liaison, Jessica McMath, Marty Collins, and Florence Ratti.

Board President Mike Mahoney introduced our guest, Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Coordinator for Library Sustainability at the Mid-Hudson Library System. For the next hour and twenty minutes, Rebekkah proceeded to give us an extremely informative talk on how to proceed with involving our community in our long range planning process and then a brief summary on how to incorporate this information into our 414 future plans. Mike thanked Rebekkah for her time and strategy ideas. We then continued with our regular board meeting.

Minutes: Motion was made by Mike Mahoney to accept minutes of September 18, 2017 meeting and seconded by Irene Rohde. All in favor

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Treasurer Otto Romanino, the approval of September report was tabled. Motion made by Mike McDermott and Seconded by Marty Collins. All in favor.

New Agenda Item – Check Register Report: This item was added by Board President Mike Mahoney and Treasurer Otto Romanino after attending a seminar at MHL regarding fiduciary responsibilities. By giving us this bird's eye view of checks written the board felt we had a much better handle on our monthly expenses. Motion was made to approve this new item and the expenses for the month by Irene Rohde and seconded by Mike McDermott. All in favor.

Library Director Report: Carol reported that she wished to include in the ceremony on November 14th to dedicate the new meeting room to include a certificate in recognition of Annmarie Baisley's 50 years of service to the Kent Public Library. All other items were discussed in brief. Survey discussion was tabled to the next meeting. Kent Police Dept. will present the idea to the Town Board that we should have a security camera in the inside lobby area over our front and at the rear entrances and portable panic button (2) on lanyards for staff. Motion was made to accept the director's report by Marty Collins and seconded by Jessica McMath. All in favor

Report of Standing Committees:

A-B – No Report

C. Friends: Jane Fowler reported that there were 171 volunteer hours last month. Their membership drive was the most successful ever and brought in \$1850. - \$700 from businesses – including a \$200 donation from Inside Engineering. Five members of the Friends attended a fundraising seminar held by MHL and got some good ideas for future fundraising events. The Friends have held three (3) Teacher Appreciation days and have had 35 teachers attend each one but the revenue has gone up each time, the last one totaling \$185. Jane had a picture of the overflowing book bin to show us. Said it caved in the top of the bin but after a few hours it did pop back up. Fortunately we received some very beautiful books.

D-E-F-G-H – No Reports

Old Business: No Report.

New Business:

- A. Approve spending \$1,225 from the capital account for painting and patching walls in the foyer, PC room and circulation area. Motion made by Mike Mahoney and seconded by Irene Rohde. All in favor.
- B. Approve hiring of Ellen Dalton as part time clerk to replace Silpa Kilambi. The motion was made by Mike McDermott and seconded by Jessica McMath. All in favor.
- C. Add closing at 1:00 PM on Monday December 31, 2018 to the holiday list. A motion was made by Jessica McMath to approve this addition and seconded by Mike McDermott. All in favor.
- D. Vote to accept donation from patron to dedicate a tree on the library grounds was tabled by Mike McDermott and seconded by Marty Collins until the next meeting. All in favor.
- E. Vote to approve spending \$2000 of the New York State Bullet Aid funds we have received on e-books. Motion made by Mike Mahoney and seconded by Marty Collins. All in favor
- F. Accept the resignation of board member Chris Marrone. Motion to accept with regrets made by Marty Collins and seconded by Mike Mahoney. All in favor. Corresponding secretary Mike McDermott was asked to send a reply to Chris, expressing our regrets concerning her resignation.

Mike thanked everyone for participating in this overly long but very informative meeting with Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich and board meeting.

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, November 21, 2017.

Motion to adjourn made by Flo Ratti and seconded by Irene Rohde. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Ratti, Recording Secretary