

KENT PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF MEETING OF APRIL 16, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Mike Mahoney who welcomed back all who were gone for the winter months and thanked the rest for pitching in during their absence.

Present: Mike Mahoney, President, Eric Mahollitz (sitting in for Carol Donick), Tom Maxson, Otto Romanino, Beth Herr, Irene Rohde, Mike McDermott, Jessica McMath, Katie D'Angio, Marty Collins, Jane Fowler, Friends Liaison and Flo Ratti

Minutes: A motion was made to accept the March minutes as amended by Beth Herr and seconded by Jessica McMath. All in favor.

Treasurer's Reports: Otto advised that we were 3% under budget but there were a number of large payments coming due and that would even us out. A motion was made by Tom Maxson and seconded by Mike McDermott to accept the reports. All in favor.

Check Register Reports: Reports were reviewed, questions were asked and answered. A motion was made by Irene Rohde and seconded by Mike Mahoney to accept the reports. All in favor.

Library Directors Report: Carol is on vacation and Eric read her report. It was suggested that in paragraph #6 the names of the employees be removed and they be referred to anonymously. There was a question about the Putnam County funding amount. It was noted that last year we received \$53,000 and this year only \$50,000. Otto said he would look into it and get back to us. We might have received it in two payments. A motion to accept the Library Director's report as amended was made by Marty Collins and seconded by Katie D'Angio. All in favor.

Report of Standing Committees:

- A. Budget – Reported above.
- B. Buildings and Grounds – spring Cleanup has begun. Sidewalks and coping being repaired/replaced.
- C. Friends - Jane Fowler announced the next book sale will be May 24-25. Set up is on the previous Monday and Tuesday and break down is the Tuesday after the sale. Help is always needed and appreciated.
- D. No Report
- E. “ “
- F. “ “
- G. Policy – There is supposed to be an on-going review of the policies. Mike has asked Carol if there are any that are due to be reviewed/updated.
- H. Public Relations – Same excellent job but will be stepped up over the next 6 months to get our issues out to the public before voting season.

Old Business:

- A. The Ad Hoc Sustainable Funding Committee met with Maureen Fleming, Town Supervisor and came away with the understanding that they needed to revise the original funding increase amount. The committee reworked the chart and dropped the funding down. Much discussion followed this revision. The final outcome was that we should have another meeting with Maureen to inform her of our revised agenda. We should also attending a Town Board workshop meeting to inform the entire board of our upcoming plans to go for a public vote on funding the Library. Mike will set the appointment and advise the committee and all board members who are available should try to be there. A bullet point sheet should be available for this meeting. The committee should have a strategy meeting, a press release should be prepared and these items should be prepared and ready prior to attending the Town Board workshop.

The Board needs to vote on the 7.5% increase.

New Business:

The next board meeting will be May 21, 2019 at 7:00 PM

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Flo Ratti and seconded by Marty Collins. All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Florence Ratti