

KENT PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF MEETING OF July 17, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by President Mike Mahoney with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The earlier start time was to accommodate our attendance at the town board meeting which begins at 7:00 PM.

Present: Mike Mahoney, President, Carol Donick, Library Director, Tom Maxson, Otto Romanino, Irene Rohde, Mike McDermott, Jessica McMath, Michelle Ment, Marty Collins, and Flo Ratti. Richard Harrison, President of the Friends and Jane Fowler, Liaison of the friends were also present.

Minutes: A motion was made to accept the June minutes by Jessica McMath and seconded by Irene Rohde. All in favor.

Treasurer's Reports: Otto reported that we were 2% under budget, the same as last year at this time and even if everything remains stable we still will have to reach into the fund balance to meet our expenses. A motion was made by Marty Collins and seconded by Tom Maxson to accept the reports. All in favor.

Check Register Reports: Our Check Registers and Bank America Credit Card Statement were reviewed. A motion was made by Jessica McMath and seconded by Mike McDermott to authorize payment of the invoices reported. All in favor.

Library Directors Report: Carol advised that a check in the amount of \$5,000 was received from Warren Davis to be used for magazine subscriptions over the next five (5) years. There will be a plaque placed near the magazines with the proper wording to signify who the donation was made by. **Item discussion:** Carol forwarded a legal letter to the Town Board advising them that they cannot hold up our petition and must forward it to the Board of Elections. We have a small legal fund and if our costs go above the amount the Friends have graciously advised they will supplement needed monies. The Friends have also donated \$7,380 for a variety of programs throughout the year. We have also received a donation from the Rotary Club due to the efforts of Marty Collins and Jessica McMath for the basketball shoot out competition. Thanks to both from the Board. **Item Discussion:** Kent Community Day is coming up in September and we will talk more about it at our next meeting in order to keep this meeting brief. A motion to accept the Library Director's report was made by Irene Rohde and seconded by Marty Collins. All in favor.

Report of Standing Committees:

- A. Budget – Otto advised that he will call a meeting of the Budget Committee within the next few days. He just wanted to get through the Town Board Meeting tonight first.
- B. Thru H – Tabled until next meeting.

Old Business: 4-H Fair - Manning of table to be done thru e-mails

Old Business: Part II: Signed letter accepting \$5,000 donation from Warren Davis to pay for adult magazine subscriptions. Mike Mahoney made a motion to accept the donation. It was seconded by Otto Romanino and all were in favor.

New Business: 414 Discussion: Carol advised that the vote on the petition was not on the Town Board agenda and many phone calls and discussions took place between herself, Mike Mahoney, and Maureen Fleming. It was the consensus that since the Town board had no say in forwarding the petition and that it was in front of them only as a courtesy, they did not have to vote on it. Mike advised the Library Board of all that had transpired and asked our opinion. The Library Board agreed to abide by the decision of the Town Board to have the Town Clerk just move it forward to the Board of Elections as quickly as possible. The Putnam County Board of Elections has confirmed that they do not need a vote by the Kent Town Board. This is customary but not required. Mike Mahoney made the motion; Mike McDermott seconded it and all were in favor.

The next board meeting will be August 20, 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 6:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Florence Ratti