

NORWOOD LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

From: Kathryn Boswell

Date: October 15, 2019

Members in attendance: Molly Andrasik, Kathryn Boswell, Alice David, Denise DiVincenzo, David Fenton, Kathleen Hartman, David Mudry, Steve Murray

Library Director: Amanda Jones

Members absent: Leonard Halpern

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. on October 15, 2020. No guests in attendance.

A motion made by Alice to accept the consent agenda was seconded by David M. and passed unanimously.

After inquiry, it was determined that no conflicts of interest existed for any new or old business.

A motion was made by Alice to pay the outstanding bills, as audited by Alice. The motion was seconded by David M. and passed unanimously.

The financial reports were received at the last minute, so some items were missing:

postage invoice for the newsletter
B and C cleaners invoice for \$23.57
bill from Spectrum

Future audits: Nov 2020 Denise D., Dec 2020 David F., Jan 2021 Kathryn, Feb 2021 Kathleen, Mar 2021 Alice, Apr 2021, Molly.

NPL Friends report: The Friends report a balance of \$6,551.47. Their expenses have included water, certificates for the Teen Writing Program at the SLU Bookstore, and Hallowe'en decorations and books for the library. They have agreed to purchase a larger laminator for children's projects and adult-size armchairs for the library.

Old Business:

The roof repair has been done, though it is not certain who did the work (we are assuming it was Tom Helmar), and no invoice has yet been received.

New Business:

Amanda suggests that we increase our library hours, as the open hours by appointment are working out well, Jenna is comfortable with expanding our hours, and our patrons have expressed a need for more hours. Library hours will include all regular open hours, except for the Friday morning Storytime hour.

John Monroe came to look at the copper pipe plumbing and suggests the best and cheapest option for preventing future leaks is to attach a corrosion inhibitor to the furnace. We do not yet have an estimate.

David M. asked whether we have projects in mind for future budget increases. Amanda suggests that solar panels for the roof would be good, as well as replacing the ceiling. It was noted that we need to discuss when to ask for a budget increase, especially considering the economic strain brought about by the pandemic.

Alice mentioned classes being offered by NCPL for preparing to ask for public moneys. There was a discussion of whether we would want some board member(s) to participate. The monthly classes will be offered remotely. Amanda will talk to Matt Corey for more information.

Kathleen noted that the family of Devin Berger, who was killed in an automobile accident in 2018, has offered the proceeds of its annual Baseball Tournament – \$1700 – to benefit the library Story Hour. Devin’s son, Brantley, will help present the check at tomorrow’s Storytime Live.

Denise informed the Board about an NCLS Christmas Card Project. Cards are collected at libraries for people in nursing homes. People are asked to bring cards signed with their first name, placed in envelopes. Other organizations are welcome to participate.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alice and seconded by Denise, and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

The next meeting will be November 19, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the NPL Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Boswell