

## VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

The Meeting of the Village Improvement Association was called to order by Alan Olenick at 6:35 p.m. on April 23, 2015 in the Connie Sacco Room of the Main Library. Present were Gert Beckwith, Michelle Bernardi, Ted Brown, Patricia Donnelly, John Galvin, Charles Gunning, William Heffernan, Curtis Hodgkins, William Lang, Mary Malenda, Alan Olenick, Susan Walker and Director Kathy Giotsas. Absent were: Joseph Fortino, Pamela Gardner, and John Lewis. Also present were staff members Colleen Bailee, Kathy Maher, Bernadette Niedermeier and Liz Ryan.

**Minutes** of March 24, 2015 meeting were approved as printed by motion of W. Lang, seconded by P. Donnelly and carried.

**Treasurer's report:** C. Gunning: Branch managers are now managing their own budgets. Report was accepted by motion of C. Hodgkins, seconded by J. Galvin, and carried.

**Director/Staff Reports:** K. Giotsas: Bookmobile is in and VIA board members visited it in the parking lot at the back of the library. It seems to be working well, lift will be ready tomorrow and then it will go to DMV for registration. A \$200 annual fee will be charged to deliver books to private services (like Tutor Time). Elizabeth Ryan has resigned as Reference Librarian. Second interviews will be held next week for branch manager position at Piantino. Applicants will give a power point presentation on what they plan to do in the community. Board members are invited to attend. Four people will be interviewed.

Staff reports:

E. Ryan is resigning to work in Massachusetts; she is working on programs that have been done in the past; computer classes are going well; adult programs will stay in place. On Tax Day April 15<sup>th</sup> 120 people came to library for forms, etc.

C. Baillie three of the new five computers are in. Rick from LION has worked on having a faster connection. An invitation to donate to the library has been put on website.

B. Niedermeier: Graham Room is busy. She met with team to develop the summer reading list. Summer Read Program will emphasize reading for the fun of reading, not just for prizes. Every hero has a story is theme, and kickoff will be June 16<sup>th</sup>. Therapy dog program was a huge success

K. Maher: insurance prices on personal property will hopefully be in this week. Two applications have been received for Connie Sacco scholarship. Reminder to Board members to send her signed Conflict of Interest policy. \$140 in contributions has been received to honor the memory of a deceased person. The money will be used to purchase audio tapes.

**Friends of Library:** P. Donnelly: Staff/volunteers appreciation lunch will be tomorrow, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Board is invited to attend also. Friend will help fund Animal Amnesty program on May 23<sup>rd</sup> which features exotic animals.

**Committees:**

**Building and Grounds:** C. Hodgkins: a woman patron told him of her difficulty exiting Ora Mason branch using the back steps. He measured the steps and they are all different sizes. This exit is for emergencies and will not be fixed.

**Old Business:**

**Staff vacancies:** Position of Manager at L. Piantino will hopefully be filled within the next two weeks. Posting is going out for Reference Librarian; it is posted internally first.

**2015-16 Budget:** Director met with City Council on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Budget is short approximately \$15,000.

**Library fundraiser:** President distributed four tickets to each Board member for Mystery dinner/murder event on May 29<sup>th</sup>

**New Business:**

Board members are asked to bring their Board Book to next meeting for updates to be inserted.

President welcomed new members Susan Walker and Bill Heffernan.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes taken by Gert Beckwith

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE MAY 19, 2015 AT 6:30 P.M.**