

## VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

The Meeting of the Village Improvement Association was called to order by President Alan Olenick at 6:35 p.m. on July 29, 2014 in the Connie Sacco Room of the Main Library.

Present were Gert Beckwith, Michelle Bernardi, Nancy Ciarleglio, Patricia Donnelly, John Galvin, Pamela Gardner, Charles Gunning, William Lang, Alan Olenick, Harry Peschell, Gretchen Schaal and Director Kathy Giotsas. Absent were Ted Brown, Richard DiChiara, Joseph Fortino, Curtis Hodgkins, and Mary Malenda. Also present were staff members Claudia Volano, Colleen Bailie, Kathy Maher, Bernadette Neidermier, and Elizabeth Ryan.

**Minutes** of June 24, 2014 meeting were approved as printed with two corrections of names of scholarship winners (Anthony Cosenza and Matthew Anania) by motion of C. Gunning, seconded by H. Peschell, and carried.

**Treasurer's report:** C. Gunning: total of year end deficit will not be finalized until auditor's report.

**Director/Staff Reports:** K. Giotsas: Health insurance has increased by 7%; property and casualty insurance increased by 11.5%; staff raises are 2% and gas and electric prices have also increased. Joe Cseh will retire on August 9<sup>th</sup>. The computer he is using will return to Main until new person is in the position. New person will be based out of Main. Waiting for response for ALA Grant "Smart Investing Grant @ Your Library. Library birthday celebration will be downsized to events at Main and Piantino. Three \$10,000 grants have been submitted; waiting for response.

Staff reports:

C. Volano: Friday night movies are being shown monthly. Lunches are being served 5 days per week to between 16-22 children. 30 are registered for adult summer program; gift baskets will be given as prizes. Welcome bags given with new library cards are well received.

E. Ryan is working on programs; Conn women's history program will be in March 2015 which is Women's history month. Genealogy program is upcoming in August; fitness classes in July and August; another copy of New Haven Register was ordered as a trial to see how many patrons read the paper. CTWorks will have a resume cover letter program in July.

B. Neidermeire: Summer Read program is in process. Two story times are growing as is evening moonlight story time and PJ story time. A Connecticut author is coming in August; curriculum has increased and more preschools are coming. .

K. Maher: Because the two winners of Sacco scholarship are not able to come in for a photo, one is working all day and the other is working out of state, checks were mailed to them. Auditor is coming on August 21<sup>st</sup>. A link will be put on website about donations which can be in stock, money, through credit cards, etc.

C. Bailie: Website has been upgraded to make it more modern. She is checking for uniformity in cataloging between the different branches.

**Committee Reports:**

**Old Business:**

**Friends of Library:** P. Donnelly: Book sale on July 18 and 19 made a profit of \$1,462 which is \$200 more than last year.

**Ora Mason branch:** Repairs hit a snag; when ceiling in basement was removed and Building Inspector came in, a 4 inch by 3 foot opening was found between the basement and first floor. Building Inspector is checking with State and waiting for approval for work to begin again.

At this time the staff with exception of K. Maher, left the meeting.

Board went into Executive Session at 7:25 to discuss the budget and bookmobile and returned to open session at 8:30.

**New Business:**

Motion was made by N. Ciarleglio, seconded by B. Lang, and carried to approve the Director's recommended increase charges.

Motion was made by G. Gunning, seconded by G. Schaal, to withdraw \$35,000 from Morgan Stanley account by August 1, 2014 to balance budget for 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. by motion of H. Peschell.

Minutes taken by Gert Beckwith

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE AUGUST 19, 2014**