

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

The Meeting of the Village Improvement Association was called to order by Alan Olenick at 6:30 p.m. on June 16, 2015 in the basement meeting room of the Ora Mason Library.

Present were Gert Beckwith, Michelle Bernardi, Ted Brown, Patricia Donnelly, Joe Fortino, John Galvin, Charles Gunning, William Heffernan, Curtis Hodgkins, William Lang, Alan Olenick, Susan Walker and Assistant Director Claudia Volano. Absent: Pamela Gardner, John Lewis and Mary Malenda. Also present were staff members Aisha Banks, Ora Mason Branch, and Andrea Zimmerman, Interim at Ora Mason Branch.

Minutes of May 19, 2105 meeting were approved as printed by motion of B. Lang, seconded by B. Hefferenan, and carried.

Treasurer's report: C. Gunning: we are under in salaries and over in operations.

Director/Staff Reports: C. Volano for K. Giotsas: staff is trying to expend all money in budget by month's end by purchasing chairs and signage for Ora Mason Branch. New reference librarian (Amanda Gilberti) has accepted our offer and will begin work on June 29th. Ora Mason position has been posted. Director is getting three quotes for pipes at Ora Mason.

Staff reports:

Aisha Banks began at Piantino on May 29th and explained some of her future plans.

Andrea Zimmerman began as interim at Ora Mason on May 18th and discussed her summer programs. She is getting quotes to have windows washed, getting a yard person, etc.

Friends of Library: P. Donnelly: Friends helped sponsor Animal Embassy program May 23rd. There was a good attendance of children and parents. Book Sale is July 17 and 18. More tables are needed. It was suggested tables could be rented for the week. Friends had a table at Mystery Dinner and 3 members joined the group.

Committees:

Building and Grounds: Committee will meet about pipes at Ora Mason

Old Business:

Finance: C. Gunning Committee met and will transfer Connie Sacco account from credit union to the Morgan Stanley account.

Professional Position vacancies: Reference Room position has been filled; Ora Mason position has been posted internally.

Library fundraiser A. Olenick: Event made a profit of approximately \$600. 70 attended; we paid for 76 dinners. WHHS Theatre Workshop was paid \$500 for their great performance. Next event: Sept. 22, Tuesday at Lorenzo \$25 to promote the library.

One Book, One School Community: the 1,800 books are not in yet but expected shortly. The labels are ready to be put in them. Distribution will be a problem because school will be out.

New Business:

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Policies: Preventing Violence, Sexual Abuse & Molestation, Harassment and Discrimination Policy: to be voted on in July. The part about anonymous reporting has to be removed. A. Olenick will contact K. Maher.

Board went into Executive Session at 7:20 by motion of B. Lang, seconded by B. Hefferenan and carried. The Board returned to Open Session at 7:40 by motion of B. Lang, seconded by B. Hefferenan and carried.

The President gave letter of resignation from Kathy Giotsas, Library Director, to Board Secretary.

Security at Piantino: A. Olenick checked with City and alarm is in place for building but there are no cameras. T. Brown would like the City to put in cameras both inside and outside.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes taken by Gert Beckwith

NEXT MEETING WILL BE JULY 21, 2015 AT 6:30 P.M.