

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

The Meeting of the Village Improvement Association was called to order by President Alan Olenick at 6:35 p.m. on October 15, 2014 in the Connie Sacco Room of the Main Library.

Present were Gert Beckwith, Ted Brown, Patricia Donnelly, Joseph Fortino, John Galvin, Charles Gunning, Curtis Hodgkins, William Lang, Alan Olenick, Harry Peschell, Gretchen Schaal and Director Kathy Giotsas. Absent were: Michelle Bernardi, Richard DiChiara, Pamela Gardner, and Mary Malenda Also present were staff members Claudia Volano, Elaine Braithwaite, Catherine Bushman, Kathy Maher, Bernadette Niedermeier, Elizabeth Ryan and Ray Woollett.

Minutes of September 16, 2014 meeting were approved as printed by motion of H. Peschell, seconded by G. Schaal, and carried.

Treasurer's report: C. Gunning: first quarter deficit is \$17,027/

Director/Staff Reports: K. Giotsas: Personnel: we are down two staff. Full time youth assistant is leaving for a librarian's position in another town. She has two candidates for bookmobile driver. Bookmobile: price given for a Chevrolet was not firm; company wanted \$8,000 more. She has a quote for a Ford. (to New Business) Things are going well. As voted in September, Library opening hours be slightly changed beginning in November. Technology: C. Bailie has quotes for wiring in reference room for more computers and will give a presentation at November meeting.

It's Our Birthday –October 25th Staff is working hard on party. The library will be open but not for service. Board members are invited to attend. Three children's authors will be here an Animal balloon maker, etc.

Staff reports: (other than that in printed reports).

C. Volano: new bookmarks will have to be made up because of changes in hours.

K. Maher: She has been training for impact of Obamacare law. Our auditor will be the November meeting.

C. Bushman: Two new bookcases will be installed behind the circulation desk. Circulation is up because of Ora Mason closing.

E. Ryan: It was a great month. 45 attended the couponing program. She is applying for a \$20,000 grant for New Haven International Association for multi-lingual signage, etc. Housing info program will be in 2015

B. Niedermeier: programs have increased in attendance. Kym's leaving will be a great loss; young adult programs had been developed by her.

R. Woollett: Access Health Connecticut wants to take a space to help public with health care questions. New library cards are being given out at a great rate.

E Braithwaite: The increases in circulation and programs in other area are because of Ora Mason closing. Some people have been lost to West Haven libraries and have gone to Orange and Milford libraries. People are inquiring about Ora Mason's reopening and when will be bookmobile be back.

Friends of Library: P. Donnelly: Friends working on application for 501 3© eligibility. Passes were approved for Barnum Museum, Peabody Museum and Beardsley Zoo. Our president is retiring and we are looking for a replacement.

Old Business:

Bookmobile: Director has info on Ford van for a total of \$36,470 including the lift and separator. She will call GMC for another quote. She will check with City to see where they get their vehicles. (to New Business)

Ora Mason Branch: Director had meeting on Oct. 20. Fireproof door is needed to separate the up and down stairs. Cost of approx \$2,500. There has been a work stoppage because of this. She has told the Fire Marshall we need to have upstairs finished and work should begin soon.

Audit: review audit material given out this evening which will be discussed at next meeting when auditor is present.

New Business:

Motion by H. Peschell, seconded by C. Gunning and carried to send \$50 donation to Beacon on the Hill in memory of Past President and Board member Nancy Ciarleglio.

Graham Room personnel: Position of Youth Assistant will be upgraded to Youth Librarian. Director will give a job description at next meeting.

Motion by C. Gunning, seconded by B. Lang and carried that we have a contract for any construction contract over \$10,000 which must be negotiated and reviewed by an attorney and have a completion date.

Motion by C. Gunning, seconded by B. Lang and carried that we proceed with the purchase a bookmobile. Director was requested to contact other dealers to get bids and \$37,000 is authorized for this vehicle. Payment for vehicle will be \$12,500 which was received from State of Connecticut for sale of present vehicle and \$24,500 from Pauline Smith Account.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes taken by Gert Beckwith

NEXT MEETING WILL BE NOVEMBER 18, 2014