

Village Improvement Association

February 18, 2020

Minutes

Attendance: Malenda, Fortino, Hodgkins, Heffernan, Olenick, Donnelly, Adams, Brown, Walker, Gunning, Khu

Bailie, Bushman

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to accept minutes by Heffernan. Seconded by Olenick

Motion passed

Director's report – Bailie

She met with the union on Jan. 29th. Contract should be settled soon. She submitted the library budget proposal on Feb 7th. She hasn't heard anything back. Applied for Coretta Scott King Award which would supplement children's' collection. Texas Roadhouse event raised \$430. Colleen went to the Allingtown meeting and made a point of how important the library is to the community. Health hazard created by homeschool group doing dissections in the library.

Assistant Director's report – Bushman

Staff development for full time staff. Understanding PayPal. She created a bookmark with talking points about need for libraries. She also worked on the mailing for the annual appeal.

Staff –

They are looking for ESL/Literacy volunteers. They received 10 responses. We now have more Hot Spots. They sent out for donations of tools for the Carnegie Community Garden Club.

Poster for “I Love My Library” will be posted in many buildings such as City Hall, etc.

Treasurer’s Report – Gunning

We are \$25,400 over current income and \$26,000 over budget. We received second have of money from state of Ct (\$12,500) that Dorinda Borer got us. The city of West Haven still holding \$25,000 of money for the Library.

Motion to accept treasurer’s report – Heffernan, second by Olenick.
Motion carries.

Friends of the Library – Donnelly

Concert was held last week. Didn’t make as much money as she hoped but the sponsors helped. April 25th – Book Sale. April 15th – Luncheon.

Library Assessment – Baille

RFP bids opened today – 1 for \$22,000; one for \$42,000

Allingtown Library-

We have heard nothing about the sale of the library since we submitted the higher bid. At least they haven’t said no yet. Fred Messorre and others were reviewing the bids.

EveryLibrary Campaign –

We will be getting lawn signs. Open letter to our patrons to try to get \$1.7 million budget passed. Bill Heffernan suggested we have prepared | talking points about the city charter changes and library budget.

New Business

New software collects names and donations. It helps to write up thank you and donation letters.

Motion to move to Executive Session – 7:10 pm

Motion to move out of Executive Session – 7:26 pm

Motion to adjourn – 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Walker, Secretary