

Village Improvement Association

November 15, 2016

Minutes

Attendance: Alan Olenick, Pat Donnelly, Susan Walker, Bill Heffernan, Curtis Hodgkins, John Lewis, John Galvin, Colleen Baille, Catherine Bushman

We did not have a quorum.

The meeting was called to order at 6:48 p.m.

Staff updates:

Bernadette reported that 60 people attended the Halloween Spectacular, Circulation has been up. Carrigan school visits are going well. A local author and a storyteller will be visiting the children's department. The Holiday Party for kids will be on December 17th.

Colleen reported on the problem with Anthem. The health care account is \$24,000 over budget because Anthem is holding them to the 18% increase for 4 months before switching to the state plan.

Colleen spoke about the need to hire a security guard to help with problems. They may get the money for the security guard from staff changes.

The Literary Coalition of New Haven invited Colleen to their board meetings. The Literary volunteers are interested in using space at the library (if Colleen can find some). Our consortium changed how they notify people a book is available – by text message and the book can also be renewed by text message.

Colleen will be the secretary for the Rotary.

Catherine has only had 2 weeks on the job. She is working on the new scheduling software. Rosalind does adult game night. Bill H. has heard good things about it.

Friends of the library – Pat. They are getting museum passes. Silk 'n' Sounds concert is on Sunday, Dec. 18th at 2 p.m. There will be a raffle at the concert. Book sale is going well. Bill H. will talk about the Fire Dept at a future event. Pat will go to a conference on Nov. 18th about supporting the library and dealing with budget cuts.

Old Business

WiFi update report. At the cost of \$14,112.00, every inch of the library will be covered by WiFi. By going to fiber, the net will be faster. This needs a board vote which cannot be done tonight.

Piontino Window sign has been installed. The library hopes to get article in paper about this.

New Business

Strategic Update Plan – This will be worked on after the holidays in January. We will have a session to discuss the plan.

Motion to adjourn – M/S/V 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Walker