

Village Improvement Committee Meeting

October 18, 2016

Minutes

Attendance: Bill Heffernan, Curtis Hodgkins, William Lang, Joe Fortino, Charli Gunning, Michelle Bernardi, Colleen Baile, Ted Brown, Pat Donnelly, Susan Walker

Meeting was called to order at 6:36pm.

Motion to approve minutes of the September meeting was made by Charlie Gunning, seconded by Bill Lang.

Colleen reported that they have had the second round of interviews for assistant director. Sam will be leaving this Friday. Jackie and Bernadette will be continuing Sam's programs.

Colleen will be attending an Insurance Seminar on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016. November 1st the new insurance goes in to effect. Girl Scouts will be coming soon to pack up the sneakers collected in the drive.

Christmas and New Year's Day are on a Sunday this year. The library will be closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Health Insurance is \$30,000 over budget because they had to pay Anthem for 3 months.

The sign at Pantino Library made by a UNH student will be installed soon.

Treasurer's Report – Charli reported that we have spent 25% of the budget but haven't paid out 25% of the salaries yet. Treasurer's report – motion to approve, seconded and approved.

Friends of the Library – Pat reported that the Halloween Party will be on Oct. 29th. They are working on baskets of concern. The Friends conference will be on November 19th.

Bernadette reported on activities in the Library, Roald Dahl week included a showing of the BFG movie. Banned Books Week included banned books bingo. Carrigan 5th grade students did presentations on explorers and 6th graders reported on space & planets. Students were taught how to research and had help using data bases. Other activities including school visits, WH child development, and reading to bunnies.

Travis reported on programs he is running – Whispers in the Dark (Occult during the Civil War) and Female Spies in the Civil War.

Old Business – Renovations at Ora Mason drawn up by Sapienza. They average 292 people a day at the Main Branch as shown by the people counter.

New Business –

Motion made by Charlie – To remove money from the Greater New Haven Foundation. They only give scholarships to New Haven residents only. This way we can set up scholarships for West Haven residents. Discussion- Charlie said we have \$900,000 in the GNHF. He proposed that we put \$100,000 in a scholarship account to give \$1000 scholarships in the name of Connie Sacco, Jean Poli and (?) Smith for West Haven residents only. Ted suggested that we form a committee and bring it back at the next meeting. Colleen will look into this. We decided to table this until the next meeting.

Motion to go into Executive Session – M/S/V

Motion to leave Executive Session – M/S/V

Motion to adjourn – M/S/V

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Walker