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SIMSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Monday, March 19, 2012

THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE LIBRARY BOARD

PRESENT: Diana Fiske, Anne Erickson, Lydia Chiapetti, Diane Madigan, Charmaine Glew, Marianne O'Neil and Joy Himmelfarb. Susan Bullock, Director and Eileen Sickinger, Recording Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. by Mrs. O'Neil, Chair. Mrs. Madigan moved that the February 27, 2012 minutes be approved as presented. Second: Mrs. Chiapetti. The minutes were accepted.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE: George Boissard, Friends Liaison and Ann Marie Potter and Grace Potter. Mrs. O'Neil introduced Mrs. Potter who was representing Bike Walk Simsbury. She noted that Simsbury will be celebrating National Bike Month in May with a variety of activities. The group will unveil a Simsbury Bike Sculpture created by metal-artist Vincente Garcia and they are requesting that they be allowed to install a permanent bike rack at the Library that he designed. Mrs. Potter had pictures of the rack and also stated that the group will be holding one or two bike safety educational classes which they hope can be held at the Library. Friends will be approached to cover the \$400.00 cost. Mrs. Glew moved that item #12, Bike Rack, be added to the agenda. Second: A. Erickson. So moved.

COMMUNICATIONS: Coverage of the reinstatement of the six hours that had been removed from last year's budget was extensive and the Board felt that this was a reflection of the public's support of the hard work and dedication of the staff. Mrs. O'Neil shared a letter from Mrs. Glassman regarding the budget.

Mrs. Bullock had a communication from Melissa Everett of Simsbury's Clean Energy for allowing them to distribute information and a review of for-profit groups distributing information on Library grounds was reviewed. It was reiterated that Library policy does not allow distribution or solicitation by for-profit groups on Library property.

Mrs. Glew noted she had received a message that the recent state chess tournament held at the Library did not receive much coverage.

An estimate of \$1,389.00 from Sav-A-Tree for nutritional treatment of trees has been received and this will be discussed with Tom Roy when he meets with Mrs. Bullock and Mrs. O'Neil. Parking, lighting and the handicapped parking situation will also be discussed at this meeting.

REPORTS: Friends: Mr. Boissard reported that Vinod Gadhia will be the new treasurer for Friends. Mrs. Donahue will be receiving \$5,000.00 from

Friends for children's programming. He also shared the statistics for the Universal Classes for which Friends provides payment for the licensing. Personnel: No report. Decorating: Mrs. Glew is waiting for an estimate from Dale Cutler on the lighting changes. Building: Mrs. Glew also reported that it has been proposed that some of the key pads be moved for better utilization and that one be added by the elevator. Landscaping: A meeting is being setup with Tom Roy to discuss concerns related to the grounds. The Beautification Commission is arranging to get someone to maintain both the Jennifer Gray sculpture and outdoor planters. Parking: Mrs. Bullock stated that there is no news on paving.

CHAIR'S REPORT: Mrs. O'Neil will be forwarding the schedule of the Board of Finance public hearing on the budget as well as the capital budget discussion and the selectman's and education operating budgets. Anyone able to attend is urged to do so.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mrs. Bullock's written report was distributed. She reviewed the recent visits she made with Mrs. Glew and Mrs. O'Neil to area libraries regarding reorganization. Another meeting of the reorganization task force will be held this Friday at 3:00 P.M. She also highlighted the statistics of the Universal Class use and brought to the Board's attention that the sales representative informed her that Simsbury's use in the first six months has been the largest in the state.

Use of e-books continues to grow and the cost for libraries to purchase these books has soared. Publishers have tripled the cost of library e-books and plans on how to solve the problem are being reviewed by libraries nationwide.

Many programs are planned for April and the list is attached to the written report.

BUDGET: Budget balances as of March 3rd were reviewed. How any funds available prior to the end of the fiscal year will be used was discussed.

MEMORIAL DAY SCHEDULE; Options for the closing of the Library for the Memorial Day weekend were reviewed and Mrs. Glew moved, that the Library close on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, May 26, 27, and 28, 2012 for the Memorial Day weekend. Second: Joy Himmelfarb. Five (5) opposed and one (1) in favor. The motion failed.

Following further discussion Mrs. Glew moved, that for the Memorial Day weekend the Library will open as follows: Saturday, May 26, 2012 from 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M., with the understanding that these are not additional holiday hours. The Library will be closed on Sunday and Monday, May 27 & 28, 2012. Second: L. Chiapetti. The motion passed unanimously.

HOURS: If the referendum passes in May the six hours that will be reinstated must be placed back into the schedule. Mrs. Bullock feels it would be best to start the extended hours in July rather than September and she is preparing a plan on how to best utilize these hours.

BIKE RACK: After reviewing Mrs. Potter's proposal of the donation of a bike rack by Bike Walk Simsbury, the Board went outside to check the site by the

lower entrance. It was decided that the best placement would be on the west side of the entrance and Mrs. Himmelfarb moved that the Library Board accept the gift of a bike rack from the Bike Walk Simsbury organization, with the understanding that installation is included in the gift. The Board requests that the bike rack be placed on the west side of the lower entrance symmetrically opposite the current bike rack. Mrs. Glew seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 9:25 P.M. Mrs. Madigan moved for adjournment. Second: Mrs. Erickson. So moved.

Diane Madigan, Secretary/es