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SIMSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of January 4, 2012 Meeting

THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT YET BEEN APPROVED BY THE LIBRARY BOARD

PRESENT: Marianne O'Neil, Gail Ryan, Diane Madigan, Joy Himmelfarb, David Blume, Charmaine Glew, Diana Fiske. Susan Bullock, Director and Eileen Sickinger, Recording Secretary.

Prior to the start of the meeting Mrs. Glew was presented with a bouquet of flowers and cake as a token of appreciation by the Board for her tireless work on behalf of the Library during her tenure as Board chair.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Mrs. O'Neil, Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mrs. Himmelfarb moved the minutes of the December 19, 2011 meeting be approved with a correction on the names of the reorganization task force members, they are: Mrs. Glew, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Himmelfarb and Mrs. Madigan. Mrs. Glew seconded the motion to accept the minutes as corrected. So moved.

There was no Public Audience.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS: Mrs. Bullock requested that 10A: Holiday Closings, be added to the Agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS: Two articles, one in The Simsbury News about the parking between Boy Scout Hall and the Library, and a copy of an editorial in The Hartford Courant titled "Not Just Books Anymore", were shared.

Mrs. O'Neil shared the unhappiness of a patron about the Library not opening until 10:00 A.M.

REPORTS: Friends: No report

Personnel: Mrs. Bullock has not heard from the Town on current issues but a meeting is scheduled for Thursday. Negotiations have started with some unions. The reorganization task force continues to meet.

Decorating: Some painting has been done and Mrs. Glew will be contacting Mr. Cutler about the lighting issues.

Building: Mrs. Bullock and Mrs. O'Neil have met with Tom Roy and Mark Rustic to clarify the duties of the custodians to be sure the building is secure when meetings continue after library hours. The Children's Room will be closed, gates locked, the elevator secured and the staff can leave. Further measures will be pursued to be sure the entire building is secure. Mrs. Bullock will keep Sean Kimball, Risk Manager/HR for the Town of the results of the meeting.

CHAIR'S REPORT: The Charter Revision Commission did not meet in December. They will have a special meeting on January 10th. Mrs. O'Neil sent a letter

to Robert Heagney informing him of the motion taken at the Board's December meeting regarding the Board's desire to remain an elected Board and that it is known as a Library Board of Trustees.

The Finance Board will be meeting January 17th at 6:00 P.M. to discuss the upcoming budget. Mrs. Bullock will attend the meeting to answer any questions on the Library's budget. Mr. Hennault requested a letter about issues the Board would like brought to the Finance Board's attention and one has been prepared by Mrs. O'Neil.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mrs. Bullock reviewed what she has done related to the 2012-2013 budget. The four goals she proposed were reviewed and the Board added their input. The worksheets and statistical data were discussed. The figures used were provided by Town Hall and Mrs. Bullock will provide the Board with more detailed figures when she receives them. Following discussion, regarding the 2012-2013 budget, Mrs. Glew moved the Library Board accept the goals presented by the Director and submit a budget that includes \$46,212.00 for reinstatement of six (6) hours in the budget.

Second: G. Ryan. So moved. The motion passed unanimously.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS: The staff requested the Board's decision on the work schedule for the Easter weekend. G. Ryan moved that the Library close on Good Friday, April 6, 2012 (a Town holiday), and open on Saturday, April 7, 2012, and close on Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012. Second: J. Himmelfarb. The motion passed unanimously.

At 9:00 P.M. J. Himmelfarb moved for adjournment. Second: D. Madigan. The meeting adjourned.

Diane Madigan, Secretary/es