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SIMSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Wednesday, February 23, 2011

THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE LIBRARY BOARD.

PRESENT: Charmaine Glew, Joy Himmelfarb, Anne Erickson, Gail Ryan, Diane Madigan, Bert Kaplan, Jeff Blumenthal and Marianne O'Neil. Susan Bullock, Director and Eileen Sickinger, Recording Secretary. George Boissard, Friends Liaison.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Mrs. Glew, Chair. B. Kaplan moved the minutes of the January 3, 2011 meeting be approved as presented.

Second: J. Blumenthal. The minutes were approved.

D. Madigan moved the minutes of the January 10, 2011 Special Meeting be approved as presented. Second: M. O'Neil. The minutes were approved.

B. Kaplan moved the minutes of the February 5, 2011 Special Meeting be approved as presented. Second: D. Madigan. The minutes were approved.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS: J. Blumenthal moved that Item 10 of the Agenda (Budget) be moved to follow Item 4. Second: J. Himmelfarb. So moved.

BUDGET: Mrs. Bullock informed the Board of a meeting of the Board of Selectmen to be held on Monday, February 28th when the new Town budget will be discussed. She urged any members who can to attend. At this time it will be decided if approximately \$30,000 will be restored to the Library's budget. When the final amount is decided the Library Board will act on where any changes will be made to its budget. Mrs. Bullock and Mrs. Glew will prepare a page outlining the impact any cuts will have on the operation of the Library. This will be sent to the individual members of the Board of Selectmen.

COMMUNICATIONS: Mrs. Bullock received a note from a patron urging that the Library stay open until 9:00 P.M.

Mrs. Glew had a notice from the Friends of Connecticut Libraries about the Governor's proposed reduction and elimination of C-Card funds. It is hoped that something can be worked out so this does not happen.

An article from The Wall Street Journal on a new way to check out e-books was shared.

Mrs. Glew received a request to have hooks placed on doors in the

lavatories. They were removed during the renovation and never replaced.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Friends: Mr. Boissard reported that the Friends are preparing for "The Night of 1,000 Stars". It is hoped that Warren Boyle, recently injured in a snow removal accident, will be able to MC the event.

Personnel: Mrs. Bullock reported on employees who have been out on medical leave. Some have returned on a part-time basis but the Library is still functioning with an incomplete full-time staff.

Tom Cooke requested a poll of libraries and their salaries for part-timers. Out of eleven libraries, Simsbury is 5th in salaries. Mrs. Bullock passed the requested information to Mr. Cooke.

Building: R. Sawitzke has reviewed the recent leaking problems in the building. The burst pipes on the upper level will be re-insulated starting February 28th. The ice dams that formed on the roof during the recent storms will also be addressed.

Landscaping: Some of the original material to be used for the outdoor sign is to be replaced by different material at no additional cost.

Parking: Mr. Kaplan will be meeting with R. Sawitzke about the parking situation. Mrs. Glew expressed her concern over the visibility, or lack of, with the high snow piles. It is hoped this can be rectified for the future so it is safer for patrons entering and leaving the building and parking area.

CHAIR'S REPORT: Mrs. Glew thanked the Board members for attending all the recent budget meetings.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mrs. Bullock informed the Board that Mrs. Keohane has recently heard from the Japanese visitors who were here a few months ago. They are interested in advocating for Business Resource Centers in their libraries similar to Simsbury's.

A project being considered by the Business Resource Center is the establishment of a prototype of exporting at the local level. This is in response to a proposal by the President who wishes to double national exports over the next two years.

A program on entrepreneurship for the 18-25-year-old age group is also being considered.

At 8:30 P.M. B. Kaplan moved for adjournment. Second: M. O'Neil. So moved.

Anne Erickson/es  
Secretary