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SIMSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2012

THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT YET BEEN APPROVED BY THE LIBRARY BOARD

PRESENT: Marianne O'Neil, Gail Ryan, Lydia Chiapetti, Charmaine Glew, Diane Madigan, Anne Erickson, Joy Himmelfarb, Diana Fiske and David Blume. 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. Chiapetti moved the minutes of the May 21, 2012 meeting be approved.

Second: Mrs. Erickson. So moved.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE: George Boissard, Friends Liaison.

There were no additional Agenda items.

Communications: Articles related to the Library were shared as well as an article about a popular novel.

Mrs. Glew read a letter signed by some staff members requesting that the Board reconsider the new hours that will become effective July 1st. The staff's preference would be adding the one-half hours, now scheduled for Friday and Saturday, to two weekdays. After discussion it was the consensus of the Board to try the new hours for at least a year to see if they meet the needs of the community. These hours were chosen following a survey of the public where the public requested additional evening hours. A letter from the Library Board will be prepared informing the staff of their decision and the reasons behind it.

Mrs. Bullock had a telephone request from a congregation in Bloomfield requesting the use of a room for an ongoing children's program explaining the rationale behind Jewish holidays. The program would be open to the public and run for one year. The current policy is that organizations cannot use Library rooms more than four times a year and the group will be informed of this.

Mrs. Ryan discussed a program currently used in other Connecticut libraries. Adopt-an-Author allows a patron to purchase a book by a particular author and that patron would be first on the list to reserve the book.

REPORTS: Friends: Mr. Boissard reported on Friends annual meeting. Laura Riley is the newly elected President of Friends. \$57,500 is the proposed budget for Library support for the new fiscal year and a preliminary report shows that \$47,400 was the amount contributed this year.

Personnel: No report.

Building: Friends have asked about projects needing attention this year.

Landscaping: Mrs. Glew has e-mailed pictures of the progress made by Cole Starrett's Eagle project. The Garden Club will be mulching around the outdoor sign and will need \$100 to cover the cost of the mulch. Ms. Himmelfarb moved that the Board give the Beautification Committee up to \$100 for mulch around the Library sign on Hopmeadow Street. Second: Mrs. Glew. So moved.

There is no news on paving and Mrs. Bullock will be in touch with Mr. Sawitzke.

Mr. Roy has reviewed the damaged trees and has hired bucket equipment to come in to clean-up and trim said trees.

Budget: Mrs. Bullock will encumber the money for the locks for the elevator and privacy door in the Maine Room.

She will also get two more quotes on the treatment for the root system of the damaged trees.

Parking: The striping and changes to the handicapped spaces still have to be done. Mrs. Bullock will clarify with the Town what work will be done.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The current budget is on target and the final budget for the new fiscal year was reviewed. Mrs. Bullock reported on the reorganization plan and the discussion that took place at the recent staff meeting. She reviewed with staff the job-reorganization study currently being done by the Library Board and the proposed changes and eventual implementation of any changes.

Mrs. Bullock will bring to the next meeting any feedback regarding the Memorial Day hours (Saturday – four hours opened).

At 8:45 P.M. Mrs. Ryan moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Second: Ms. Himmelfarb. So moved.

At 9:30 P.M. the Board returned from executive session and the meeting was adjourned.

Diane Madigan, Secretary/es