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SIMSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
Monday, August 17, 2009  
THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE LIBRARY BOARD

PRESENT: Gail Ryan, Joy Himmelfarb, Babs Gardner, Bert Kaplan. George Boissard, Friends Liaison. Susan Bullock, Director and Eileen Sickinger, Recording Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by G. Ryan, Chair Pro Temp. The minutes of the July 20, 2008 meeting were accepted as presented.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE: Sue Caldwell, Republican candidate for the Library Board of Trustees was introduced.  
There were no additional agenda items.

COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Kaplan met with Rich Sawitzke who informed him that the walkway to Boy Scout Hall will be started in about two weeks. No plans have been submitted or seen by the Library Board. Also, the standing water in the parking lot will be corrected at the same time.

Mrs. Bullock had a copy of Fitzgerald's flyer which carried the latest news of Library happenings. She also shared a copy of the Connecticut Library Consortium Newsletter with Jennifer Keohane's picture and news of her Business Resource activities.

Jerry Toner passed along a communication to Mrs. Bullock about a tree donation a family would like to make.

REPORTS: Friends: Mr. Boissard reported that even though Friends do not have meetings in the summer, they continue to collect books for the September Book Sale. He complimented staff member, Sue Ray, for her help in checking the books the Library can use that have been donated to the Book Sale.

Dot Lappen an active volunteer at the Library recently passed away and a condolence note will be sent to the family.

There were no Personnel or Decorating reports.

Building: Mr. Kaplan attended the Town Building Committee meeting and learned the leaks and carpet problems will be addressed. The carpets seem to be problematic mostly during humid weather. The doors have been replaced

and when the weather stripping is installed that job will be complete.

Landscaping: The downed lamp post has been reinstalled.

There has been a request by a family to plant a tree in memory of their mother. Since there is a diseased maple tree on Hopmeadow Street that is on Library property, this donated tree could replace that one. Following discussion, Ms. Himmelfarb moved the Board accept a replacement for the dying maple tree that is about to be removed, by donor Tina Flecke. The acceptance of this tree is not a precedent-setting motion. Second: Mrs. Ryan. Three votes in favor. One opposed. The motion passed.

Parking: The sitting water in the parking lot will be addressed by Mr. Sawitzke.

Charette: Meetings for the Simsbury Town Center Charette will be held at the Library from, September 12 - 16. The complete schedule was attached to the Director's Report. Unfortunately the weekend hours conflict with the Friends Annual Book Sale. Board members who will be available were asked to attend the Saturday meeting since the Library is a central part of the vision of the Town.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mrs. Bullock reported that the field of RFID vendors has been narrowed to two. Both these vendors can work with the current Library system. Cheshire Library is also ready to purchase a system and a lower price will be possible with libraries working through a consortium purchase. It is hoped to have the installation done this year.

The Village for Family and Children's Services has requested to again hold their annual meeting at the Library. It was the consensus of the Board that the group could continue with this practice.

The summer has been very busy and the programs have been a great success. A report of the activities in the Business Resource Center was attached to the Director's Report.

LABOR DAY HOURS: B. Kaplan moved that on Labor Day weekend the Library close on Sunday and Monday and open on Saturday from 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.. Second: B. Gardner. So moved.

BUDGET: The budget for the new fiscal year increased by 1.2%. The income from fines and fees continues to grow.

J. Himmelfarb moved that LIBRARY POLICIES be tabled for one month. Second: B. Kaplan. So moved.

At 8:20 P.M. B. Kaplan moved the Board go into executive session to discuss contract negotiations. At 8:35 P.M. the Board returned from executive session and Mr. Kaplan moved for adjournment. Second: B. Gardner. So moved.

Eileen Sickinger, Secretary Pro Tempore

