VIA Minutes

June 15, 2021

Attendance: Galvin, Heffernan, Curtis, Adams, Gunning, Donnelly, Khu, Lang, Olenick, Walker.

Colleen Baile

Catherine Bushman

Colleen O’ Connor

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

Minutes – approved

Director’s report – Baille

Evaluations of staff are all done. Maria is moving July 2nd.

Allingtown library books – removing anything older than 2016 and not circulated going out. Graham room coming down stairs

$31,000 to refurbish main part of library, strip it and paint it.

Masks are still required. We still have a guard. Service contract on elevator, we pay for parts not labor. Discussion on Capital improvements to set up a special account for repairs. Ora Mason has had the same furniture since the opening, 50+ years.

Assistant Director Report – Bushman

She assisted with interviews. Keeping Piantino materials as long as they keep circulating.

Watched zoom presentation – Latino population in CT, especially New Haven Area

Incident – A man wanted to use the phone, staff refused, he then said he wanted to commit suicide. Called police and ambulance

CT library programs are on line.

Financial Report – Gunning

$23,059 over budget at this time. Colleen said must pay liability insurance. $78,000 state grant was spent already. We didn’t have to use $100,000 from capital improvement fund.

Friends – Donnelly

Zoom conference on June 9th. No date yet for book sale.

Nominating Committee – Lang

He will be calling to see if you want to keep your current position.

Alan Olenick – Going round and round with trying to build a new Allingtown library. 634 Post Rd (Celantano’s property) is enough to build library on. Vin Amendola, lawyer for Celantano, says we need certificate of insurance. Don’t know how much time it will take to get contract written. West Haven foreclosed on other property – DEEP has to look at it – letter of intent to purchase not back from city yet. Taken off market for the time being.

Galvin – will meet with the mayor.

New Business

Motion to purchase computers out of Morgan Stanley account. $8899.70 Motion approved

Motion to purchase projector (old one from 2001) set aside $14000 for audio visual equipment. Decide on the vendor when all quotes come in. Motion by Alan, seconded by Bill H.

Motion to restore outside of Carnegie Building. $31,000. Motion by Bill H/seconded by Bill L.

Need In-service for staff. They haven’t had one in years. Full day - $5200. Bill H. makes motion that we take it out of special account.

A group has been found to be filming inside local libraries (not WH). Can’t film staff or patrons. We may need a policy against filming in the library.

September 21st is the public meeting of the library.

Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Walker, Recording Secretary