VIA Board Minutes

October 20,2020

Attendance: Pat Donnelly, John Galvin, Bill Heffernan, Charlie Gunning, Joe Fortino, Alan Olenick, Curtis Hodgkins, Bill Lang, Len Adams,

Colleen Bailie, Catherine Bushman

Colleen O’Connor, City Council Liaison

Motion to accept minutes of September meeting – Motion by Heffernan, seconded by Gunning. Motion passes

Director’s Report – Bailie

Libraries open 39 hours a week (44 last year)

Parking lot pick up is popular

She is interviewing to hire one part time staff member

Packed up Piantino library

Books are at the main library, Furniture went to Ora Mason

Still talking to city council about places to relocate the library

Checks from City Hall coming later.

Library is living paycheck to paycheck

Library survey – only 98 forms have been completed – advertised in

Facebook, BOE website, weekly emails, etc.

$60,000 from the State Library – not to be used for staff but for

Cleaning, plexiglass, new furniture. Has to be spent by Dec. 20th

Catherine – She has been working on retirees parties, moving Piantino,

Social distancing furniture, schedules, press release for Love your

Library – Increasing budget would increase hours

Treasurer’s Report – Gunning

Receiving less money than we should be

Reduced staffing should help the budget

Weekly payroll is $45,000

Form a budget Committee: Galvin, Heffernan, Khu

Vote on Treasurer’s Report – Motion passed

Moved $25,000 from endowment. Contingency fund from City

$100,000 can’t apply for it until April

Friends – Donnelly

Book Sale on Nov. 7th. 170 members – most ever

Piantino

Some of the boxes of books were damaged by rain.

Beckerman was surprised we were moving. Can’t afford market

Value rent. Catherine, John, Alan, and Bill H looking for properties.

Fenwick property is not on the busline, No sidewalks

State grants are available for $1,000,000 but for a building you

Own, not rent. Blake Building would need about $1,000,000 in

Renovations. Possibility to build building on Atwood Place near

Quigley Stadium.

Library Assessment – Colleen B

15 people interested in focus group

Hybrid meeting – Outside or Zoom

Postcards to be sent to every resident to get them to take survey

Motion To spend up to $2500 to send postcards out to encourage

People to answer the survey. Motion passes. Do not send out until

After the election. Everyone needs to understand that we are

Underfunded. Might have more Hot Spots on Campbell Ave.

Have it paid for by the state for a year. WiFi at Piantino we are

Waiting to her from developer or City who wants to pick it up.

New Business

Motion – to move from Connie Sacco’s fund to put into stocks

($1570) to invest in something to earn interest. Charlie proposed

Motion, Alan seconded – Motion passes

No executive session

Motion to adjourn – by Bill H, seconded by Charlie and Alan Motion

Passes.

Meeting is adjourned at 4:56 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Walker, Recording Secretary