

WHITING LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES — FEBRUARY 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Kathy Pellett, at 9:30AM at the Library.

Present: Kathy Pellett, Judi Copping, Mariette Bock, David Lord, Jessica Di Marco, Lyza Gardner, Trustees; Sharon Tanzer, Library Director; Ed Grossman, Guest

Absent: Vanessa Heybyrne, Trustee

Amendments to Agenda: Chair Kathy Pellett amended the agenda with one additional item: a farewell and thanks to Mariette Bock, Treasurer.

Farewell to Treasurer M. Bock: Trustee David Lord presented M. Bock with Vermont House of Representatives Concurrent Resolution #46, in which the “General assembly honors MB for her extraordinary devotion to Whiting Library.” M. Bock’s term is expiring this month; the Board thanked her for her extraordinary and long-lived service to the Library, in multiple capacities.

January, 2019 Minutes: Trustee Lyza Gardner made a motion to accept the January, 2019 minutes as amended to add Trustee Judi Copping to the list of attendees. Seconded by Trustee Jessica Di Marco; approved by all present.

Treasurer’s Report: M. Bock has submitted the Library operating budget and balance sheet through 2018 for inclusion in the Town’s annual report.

Director’s Report: Library Director Sharon Tanzer mentioned that she’d like to encourage members of the community to use the library facilities for community events more often. The computer in the Library’s Vermont Room had been having problems; it has been fixed and returned to service.

There is an ongoing issue with heat in the newer wing of the building, affecting the Children’s Room most notably. Thermostats do not work; the heat has to be manually overridden to function. Suburban Propane will be out to investigate and fix as time allows.

Old Business:

2020 Silent Auction: D. Lord made a motion that the Board agree to hold an event to include a silent auction in the summer of 2020 with the purpose of raising money for improvements to the Library interior and exterior. Seconded by J. Di Marco; approved by all present.

Chair Pellett will be in contact with Helene Linn, who is spearheading donation solicitation.

New Business:

“Gift in honor of” cards: J. Copping presented proposed wording and structure for a card that could be used when a donor makes a gift to the Library in someone’s honor. The Board agreed that the next print run of Library donation cards could include some of these cards.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by L. Gardner; seconded by J. Copping; unanimously approved. The Board was adjourned at 11:10AM until the next meeting on March 11, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyza Gardner, Secretary