

RUSH PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2019

ATTENDANCE: Trustees: Becky Herman, Sharon Mason, Karin Kirk, Hal Carter, Steven Neumaier, Julia Lederman, Cindy Raymond

Absent: Letty Laskowski, Treasurer

Others Present: Kirsten Flass, Director; Rita McCarthy; Town Board Liaison

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On motion by K. Kirk, seconded by J. Lederman, the Board Meeting Minutes of 11/18/19 were unanimously approved as amended. Next meeting is on 1/21/20.

TREASURER'S REPORT: In Letty Laskowski's absence, no treasurer's report was presented. Tabled to next meeting.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT: No report

OLD BUSINESS:

Annual Appeal: To date, the library received 76 donations totaling \$3,980.

Awning Ribbon Cutting: The ribbon cutting ceremony took place on 12/17/19 at 1:00. Senator Rich Funke, and his aide attended as well as the awning builder.

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Session: On motion by H. Carter, seconded by J. Lederman, the board entered executive session at 7:34 pm to discuss a personnel issue. Each board member was given a sealed letter, from a Rush Library employee, sent to the library for all Board of Trustee members to review. On motion by H. Carter and seconded by S. Mason, the executive session ended at 8:34 pm.

Nominations and New Terms: On motion by J. Lederman and seconded by C. Raymond; Sharon Mason and Karin Kirk were approved by unanimous vote to serve a new five-year term as board members. On motion by K. Kirk, seconded by J. Lederman, the following were approved by unanimous vote to serve as officers: Becky Herman as President, Hal Carter as Vice President, Cindy Raymond as Secretary, and Letty Laskowski to serve as treasurer.

Game Night: Game night will take place at the Rush Creekside on 1/6/20 at 6:00 pm.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: K. Flass presented the monthly Director's report. On motion by K. Kirk, seconded by C. Raymond, the Director's Report, including vouchers #152-165 totaling \$6,459.25, was accepted and unanimously approved. A monetary gift was made to the library by Sharon Garelick in memory of Elaine Lasser to purchase children's books; a thank you letter was sent. MCLS Auto-renewal was voted down by the Director's Council due to budget concerns. A new question will appear on the 2019 Annual Report regarding Trustee training; this year it will ask a simple yes/no about whether each trustee attended any training. We have no information on how much training will be required or what kind of training is available yet. MCLS Office will begin tracking attendance at its MCLS Trustee trainings. K. Flass will be attending Town Dept. Meeting on 12/19/19, Census Training on 1/7/20 and Director's Council on 1/8/20.

TOWN BOARD LIAISON REPORT: Rita McCarthy reported the town's organizational meeting with the new Supervisor is 1/2/20. Dan Woolaver is waiting on bids for the roof leak repairs.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned on motion by K. Kirk, seconded by S. Neumaier.