## AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES March 29, 2016, 1:30 pm

Present: Director Rob Alessi, Kara Spencer-Ching, Alice Askew, Carol Griffis

Excused: Deborah Carr-Hoagland Guest: Richard (Dick) Wiesen

- 1. Comments from the audience none.
- 2. Minutes of the meeting, February 23, 2016 were approved as submitted. (KS-C, AA)
- 3. Treasurer's Reports & Monthly Financial Statements, February 2016 were discussed and approved as submitted. (CG, KS-C)
- 4. Director's Report, February 2016 was reviewed and approved. (CG, AA). *WiFi* usage has increased significantly, throughout the system. The method of counting has changed and there is also another network available. "BECPL2" is the more secure.
  - >With regard to the recent failure of the roof polar coat, the installer's representative feels that it was a manufacturing defect and should be covered. There has been no word yet from the manufacturer. Town needs to be reminded to clean the downspouts probably twice a year and after major storms.
  - >The National Weather Service is conducting a class on Thursday evening. SKYWARN Weather Spotter Training does not require attendees to become *weather spotters*.
- 5. Reports of Interest
  - a. The next ACT meeting will be on April 9<sup>th</sup> at Clarence. Alice, Carol, Kara not available to attend.
  - b. The Friends semi-annual meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 20 at 10:00am
  - c. The Elm-Riley Corridor Community Meeting (March 14) saw good representation by people with interest in the Library. Among topics discussed were public safety, parking, and green space. Rob pointed out that many concerns could be improved by making use of the northeast corner of Main & Whaley. A draft study report is expected by the end of May, or early June with another public forum.
  - d. The 6 laptops currently available for public usage are close to 10 years old, and quite out of date. They are no longer in high demand because many patrons bring their own. Pending System Board approval, two new ones will be provided by B&ECPL.
- 6. Personnel a. A new staff/trustee photo directory is in hand.

## 7. Old Business

a. Fireplace- Rob had asked for written estimates from four companies. One is no longer doing fireplace business, two declined. Only Black Hat is left. From another firm, there are two different models at a much lower cost than Black Hat. Rob will ask them for a firm estimate. Dick warns to ask where the battery is within the unit for the remote starter, some can be very difficult to access.

## 8. New Business

- a. We have reluctantly accepted the resignation of Trustee George Oliver and hope to schedule a farewell party in the near future.
- b. Dick Wiesen has kindly agreed to be considered by the Library Board to fill the remainder of George's term. His nomination will be presented to the Town of Aurora trustees.
  - c. Nominations for officers are agreed as follows: for president -Deborah Carr-Hoagland;

for Vice-president -Alice Askew; for treasurer -Kara Spencer-Ching; for Secretary – Carol Griffis; atlarge -Richard Wiesen

- d. Other some new tech gadgets are here. (*Cubelets Twenty -Robot Construction System*)

  Patrons will be able to sign these and other items out in the building only. Further details including parts checklists need to be completed before this will occur. Rob may also have a staff person demonstrate to create more interest.
- e. Rob will forward to us new versions of certain System policies.

Adjourned at 3:00pm Carol Griffis, secretary