

AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 15, 2016 @ 1:00 pm

Present: Richard Wiesen, Kara Spencer-Ching, Deborah Carr-Hoagland, Alice Askew, Carol Griffis, Director Rob Alessi

1. Comments from the audience - none. Alice will preside today on account of Deb having laryngitis
2. Minutes of the meeting, October 18, 2016 were approved as submitted. (RW, AA)
3. Treasurer's reports and monthly financial statements for October, 2016 were distributed and approved after reviewed. (CG, RW)
4. Director's Report for October, 2016 was approved after brief review. Rob made special comment that the Veterans program presented by Patrick Kavanagh was well received. Guests were quite impressed. Some of whom travelled a distance to be here and were not familiar faces to us. (KSC RW)

5. Reports of Interest

- a. Over 20 people were in attendance at the *Friends* recent semi-annual meeting. Kara asked if other *Friends* are having the same membership issues as here. The subject came up at the joint meeting of Southtowns area *Friends* earlier in the Fall and all are suffering similar problems of lack of interest, time constraints, and aging members.
- b. Discards and Used Book Storage. Rhoda Zucker, Beth Storm-Reich & Rob met with the new facility manager of the Gleed Ave property who is quite willing to allow *Friends* to continue to use the space at no charge as long as no tenant requests to use the area.
- c. The 2016 Handbook for Library Trustees in NYS is available in electronic form. The treasurer's portion was most recently revised.

6. Personnel

- a. Payroll Report PP21: Librarian p/t shows red ink, but will be balanced by year end.

7. Old Business

- a. Fireplace: Rob requested a new quote from Pro-Fireplace with specific details. It is their busy season. We may not hear from them for a while.

8. New Business

- a. The 2017 Calendar of Open Hours was reviewed. The Veterans Day holiday (Nov 10/11) has yet to be decided at CEN. We'd prefer not to be closed both of those days. A motion was made (KSC, DCH) and passed to amend the proposed calendar to begin summer hours on the 19th of June instead of the 12th and to be open on the 10th of November and closed on the 11th. A patron has inquired about holding a knitting club here. Talked some about the future of craft programs for teens & adults. And making use of the tech 'toys' as well.

b. fireplace & fender: Rob and Dick met with Craftsman Jim Cordes. He offered to donate the work.

c. Parking Lot Expansion: tabled, due to time constraints.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40. Next meeting is December 13, 2016 @ 1:00pm

Carol Griffis, secretary