

West Hartford Library Trustees
West Hartford Library
February 27, 2019

Present: Judith Roberts, John Newton, Harry Dorman; Director: Sandie Carey; Guests: Alice Hazen, Sadie Woods, Gerda Gofberg

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 and the Pledge of Allegiance given. Roberts noted that this would be John Newton's last meeting and those present congratulated John for his service and celebrated with cake and coffee/tea.

Public Comments: none

Secretary's Report: Upon motion made and duly seconded, the minutes of the January 16 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Newton reported that as of 1/15, \$22,318 [46%] of the budget had been expended, leaving \$25,381 for the remainder of the year. He also reported that the Town of Hartford had terminated the credit card which has been used to acquire necessary books and supplies. Absent a system for acquiring such items, Carey has begun to use her personal credit card [a final solution unacceptable to the Board] and submit those invoices for reimbursement. Roberts will request, through Hausler, a meeting with the Town to discuss a permanent solution. Roberts announced that the Town's budget had awarded the Library that which had been requested - \$47,300.

Director's Report: Carey reported that circulation for the month of January was back to high usage levels. Craft night continues to attract good numbers. She noted usage of the meeting room [high school exchange program, birthdays, card making, and local snowmobile club]. 48 people came for the Holiday Cheer party on the 18th. Scott Hausler introduced Brannon Godfrey, the new Town Manager to the Library and Carey earlier in the day. Hausler and department continue their strong support. Friends have continued to fund purchases of new award winning books and movies and will help defray the costs of the courier expense. The annual report for the state has been completed [a daunting task]. She noted a reading seminar which she will attend on Friday. Finally Carey expressed her regret at Newton's departure from the Board. She noted his guidance and support over the years and that he will be sorely missed.

Old Business: The discussions with the Town regarding sick leave and vacation pay were reviewed. It was agreed that a satisfactory solution had not been achieved and directed that Roberts and Dorman include that subject in their meeting with the Town administration. Newton expressed concern about the potential infringement of the Board's authority by the Town, recalling the 2002 Vermont Supreme Court ruling, and urging an early resolution to the issues identified.

New Business: Roberts announced an indoor Farmer's Market for Saturday, March 9 to be held in the meeting room. She also announced that the summer Farmer's Market will be back, opening in mid June. Gofberg and Woods were welcomed as potential members of the Board. Both live within walking distance of the Library. Their plans for becoming members were discussed – receiving enough write-in votes on the town's ballot or in absence of that, seeking appointment by the Selectboard.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 4:30 pm at the West Hartford Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harry Dorman, Secretary's

These are draft minutes, subject to review