

Ellenville Public Library & Museum

November 20, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Trustees Michelle Mainolfi, Erin Levine, Nadia Maczaj, Donald Odom II, Kate Walsh-Eckert, Abigail Osgood, director Pam Stocking.

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 pm (DO).

MOTION: to accept the revised October minutes (EL/MM unanimous).

Financial Reports

The treasurer's report was accepted (EL/NM/unanimous).

Bills paid after the last board meeting were reviewed and accepted (MM/KW-E/unanimous).

October bills to be paid were accepted (MM/KW-E/unanimous).

Petitioners: None

Correspondence: Margaret Bonner (corresponding secretary) at the Town of Rochester Food Pantry thanked the library for their donations of dignity.

Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds-

Estimate for gallery doors- tabled

Library furnace- Jim Hornbeck said the board needs to think about replacing it, there is corrosion on the inside. It was installed in the late 1990's. The board would like to have a time frame (year? Five years?) and suggestions from Jim as to options, considering long-term efficiencies.

B&G report- was e-mailed. Jim Hyatt stopped by and dropped off a proposal for pruning and removal of trees. We need the Alberta spruce trees removed, the Rhododendron trimmed. The spireas need to be removed. The dogwood should not stay between the library and museum if it will be a large tree. Kate will follow up with Bucky and Jim, to clarify the specific variety of dogwood.

Landscape Innovators snow removal proposal- approved (KW-E/MM/unanimous)

MOTION: to accept the proposal from Landscape Innovators for snow removal (EL/MM/unanimous).

Personnel Committee-

Community Relations Specialist position- is being worked on. The Personnel committee will participate in the 2nd round of interviews.

Susan is working on programming for December.

Kristy reported on Paid Family Leave.

MOTION: to grant two employees requests to buy back sick leave (EL/MM/unanimous).

Executive session called by Donald Odom at 6:54.

Exited at 7:03 (EL/NM).

Museum Committee-

The museum does not look like it is being cleaned. Pam will call Pressure Plus.

The board would like to thank Bucky for planting the many tulips. We look forward to seeing them in the spring.

The library sesquicentennial is approaching. Events will be planned with the Hunt committee.

Nadia brought George Young's bible as we discussed the list of items recommended by MAB for accessing.

MOTION: to accept the list of items to be accessioned by the museum (EL/MM/unanimous).

Old Business

Executive session called to discuss matters of personnel at 7:07

Executive session ended 7:17

Kate Walsh-Eckert left with just cause at 7:18

Stedner plaque wording was presented and accepted.

Copier proposals- the board would like to stay where we are right now

Report on PayPal usage for library charges.

RESOLUTION: to accept the changes in the personnel handbook (MM/EL/unanimous).

New Business

Director's Report: was e-mailed to the board.

Pam provided the board with a print-out of mini-webinars for trustees on the state library website.

Susan's report- was e-mailed to the board.

Emily's report- was e-mailed to the board.

Announcements

The Wawarsing Wassail events will be beginning soon.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 (EL/MM/unanimous)

Our next meeting will be December 18th at 6pm.