

MINUTES -AVON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY- March 17th, 2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Regular Meeting called to order by President Carin Salonia at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance were Carin Salonia, Peter Anderson, Linda Jordano, Jennifer Shufro, Eric Gauvin, Fred Lin, Vince LoPresti, Anne Fitzgerald, Thirza Hyatt, Mary Suter, and Library Director Glenn Grube. Betsy Bougere and Paula Schwartz were absent.

The Board reviewed and adopted the proposed Agenda. Next, after a review of the February Minutes, and a request for a few minor edits, the Board, by motion duly made and seconded, approved and adopted the Minutes (as edited) dated February 17, 2015. Anne Fitzgerald abstained from voting on the Minutes as she was absent at the last meeting.

Vince reviewed the Treasurer's Report for the year to date and for the month ending February, 2015. Vince noted that the Library received Mitnick income in the amount of \$14,108 this past month, as expected. With regard to expenses, Vince noted that, while there were less equipment expenses than last month (under budget) the Board should expect some other larger service fees in the next few months. The program reception line item was over budget for this last month. At month's end, the Library had total net assets of \$267,902.31. The Investment Committee (Fred, Vince and Carin) discussed some options for different investment strategies pertaining to these assets going forward, including different CD investment options with varying terms so that the Library's investments could be "staggered." A motion was duly made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

New Business:

1. Glenn presented the Librarian's Report to the Board. Glenn's report is attached hereto. Glenn raised important budgetary issues to the Board for consideration. Specifically, Glenn addressed the Governor's Budget Plan for 2016-2017 which he noted would directly and negatively affect state funding for libraries, including our library. Glenn is involved in drafting an impact analysis letter that addresses these topics. During the Week of April 15th, which is National Library Week, Glenn will be visiting the State Capitol in order to lobby for greater funding. Glenn also informed the Board that all winter water leaks had been repaired and that the Library had not yet received the much anticipated 3D printers.
2. Linda Jordano reported on behalf of the Friends. Linda informed the Board that (sadly) this would likely be her last meeting, as she was moving to Florida.. Thereafter, she noted that The Friends' winter Sunday concert series was a huge success, with over 200 attendees at the Sirena Huang concert. The Friends will be hosting a Reception on May 8, 2015. A Request for an Alcohol Policy Waiver was submitted and presented to the Board for consideration at this meeting (see below). The Friends are already working toward the annual Fall Book Sale, scheduled for October 16-18, 2015.
3. Glenn presented the Friends' Request for Alcohol Policy Waiver for its May 8th reception. The Board unanimously voted to approve this request.

4. Carin discussed Board member and Officer terms going forward. The Board is in need of a Vice President. Carin will be communicating via email with each Board member whose term is up in June to see who will be continuing for a second three year term.

Old Business:

1. Eric presented the status of the Library Art Gallery renovation to the Board, including lighting design, sample signs, partitions, costs for labor and materials, sample graphics and paint color. The Board was able to view the paint on the wall in the Gallery and to see the mock ups of the signage out front. Everyone loved the plan and the Board gave preliminary approval of the renovation plan at this time. Eric will be coordinating painting and other renovations with Tina Panik and Glenn Grube.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was thereafter adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m. by President Carin Salonia.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will take place on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Shufro, Secretary