

Minutes of Exeter Public Library Trustee's Meeting

March 19, 2019

Attendees: B. Young, M. Lafreniere, L. Tober, S. Drinker, P. Sears, S. Canty, L. Wyskiel, L. Wilson and H. Godino. Kathy Corson (Selectboard member) was also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 with the new slate of officers voted in:

Barbara Young- Chair

Laura Wyskiel- Vice Chair

Denise Leonard- Treasurer

Lisa Wilson-Secretary

Barbara welcomed the new Trustees and told everyone that we act as one board. Everyone must go along with the majority. She encouraged everyone to keep the director's reports in their binders, check out the library's website and to not be overwhelmed with all the information. Laura handed out new binders filled with information for the new Trustees.

Correspondence- Hope said there has been very good response to the vote in favor of the renovation. Many people are coming into the library happy. Hope and the Trustees thanked Kathy Corson for all her help in getting the renovation passed by talking about the library in front of many groups and supporting the library throughout the election process.

The minutes of the February 19 Board of Trustees meeting were accepted. They were amended to include the attendance of S. Canty.

Hope explained the Operating Statement information and layout to the new Trustees. The Operating Statement was accepted.

Director's Report-

Committee sign-up sheet was circulated. Barbara explained that everyone must be on a least one committee.

Continuing Business- Hope laid out the next steps for the renovation. Contracts will be written and signed with the engineers, architects and builder. Step one will be to cover and fill in the outside decks and top of roof and move the mechanical systems. The exterior renovation will continue in the new children's room -that is now the meeting room. This will help to button-up the exterior in time to hopefully move inside during the winter. We will not close unless we have to move books and even then not for more than half or a full day. We have planned from September on not to book the meeting room for any groups. Study Room A will be used for book groups and children's reading groups. It is very exciting to begin planning for all the changes. The board recognized all of Hope's work to make this renovation a reality!

New Business- We can now begin to do some fundraising for the project. Hope has hired the Knock Knock firm to help with fundraising, work on our web page and set up a way for people to donate online to the project. They will produce a concise, informational flyer explaining why we are asking for money. Hope talked about applying for Federal grants to help, but was not overly hopeful about us qualifying. Most expired at the end of 2018. There is one grant remaining for children's services that we will apply for.

Hope will be hosting a party for Trustee's and family at her house Sunday, March 31 at 1:00 to celebrate the vote passing.

There was a question about our Annual Appeal. The fund averages about \$10,000.00. Last year we raised about \$13,000.00. The Annual Appeal runs November to November of each year . Our fiscal year runs January to January.

The next meeting will be April 16, 2019 at 6:00. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43.