Willington Public Library Board of Directors Regular Meeting March 13th, 2024 7:00 PM

Roll call and establishment of quorum- Present- KarenAnn Caldell, Nick Tella, JoanneTaraskiewicz, and Directors- Deb Linares and Hope Gove. Joy Wrona arrived at 7:25 PM.

Call to order was made at 7:10 PM. Quorum was established. Library Board meetings are held in person in the library and online via Zoom for the public.

Present to Speak-None.

Acceptance of Minutes of February 14, 2024 meeting—KarenAnn made a motion to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

Director's Report- There is a new landscaper and they do mostly maintenance, but they have planted some annuals. Discussion ensued on the downstairs room and what should be done with it. Joan said that an architect would need to be called in and that would cost around 30K, before any actual work is started. The library has about 120K for the entire project, but that money may best be used on other items that need replacing. The rock wall outside is deteriorating and it was discussed whether financially if it would be better to have it entirely replaced or taken down, re-mortared and then assembled using the undamaged bricks. The CLA is holding its annual convention in Mystic at the Groton Marriott on April 29th and 30th. Deb and Hope will be attending. Steve has also voiced that he would like to attend. Discussion took place regarding finding out/ who to see to get more information on the library's insurance policy.

Treasurer's Report- Nick presented a budget of how much money is left for this year.

New Business- Library staff job descriptions- This issue was tabled until next month's meeting, on March 27th. Joan said that we should look at what other boards have in their job descriptions and also consult the CLA. The board has decided to cancel the 'Library Board Basics' webinar that was on the agenda for tonight's meeting. It was decided that everyone will be on their honor to watch the webinar on their own since the entire board was not in attendance. Everyone will bring their questions and/or comments to next month's meeting, or email them to KarenAnn, so they can be put on next month's agenda, if needed.

Board Concerns- Deb brought up that there is a bill (HB5312 & SB 53148) regarding ebook pricing that concerns only libraries. It was suggested to talk to Jeff Gordon and/or Tammy Nuccia regarding this issue. Nick brought up a comment about FOIA requests. Hope

and Deb talked about Saturday which was 'Mario Day'. They said that all the kids who attended had fun eating cupcakes and taking part in Mario- themed games and activities. Other board members stated that they had a hard time finding parking that day.

Adjournment- KarenAnn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joy 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Joy Wrona, Secretary

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