

Warner Library Board of Trustees  
Approved Minutes – March 16, 2017

Present: Trustees: Liza Glover, Michele R. Gonzalez, Patricia Pinkney, Ed Berry, David Neilsen, Library Director: Maureen Petry; Guest: Joe Queenan; Absent: Trustees: David Huber and Sharon Camlic; Liaison: Mary McGee and Rachelle Gebler

Chairperson: Ms. Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. A motion was made by Ms. Glover and seconded by Mr. Neilson to accept the minutes of the February 16, 2017 board meeting. All board members present agreed.

Resident Joe Queenan was in attendance to provide some advice and guidance on Warner's Meeting Rooms Rental Policy on Political/Religious Groups being allowed to rent the spaces. Mr. Queenan's wife Francesca Spinner is the Director of the Neighborhood House and they have a long term policy **not allowing** political/religious groups to rent their spaces for meetings. Mr. Queenan expressed his strong belief that the Warner should not allow political/religious groups to rent the spaces since this would open Warner up to untested and unknown pressures, particularly in this day and age of social media. We are a safe haven for many groups and individuals. The Board agreed and voted to not allow political/religious groups to rent our Meeting Spaces.

Director Maureen Petry discussed the Director's Report. Architect Donald McDonald created a drawing for the soffit and caulking repair on the west side of library. Mrs. Petry has received a couple of estimates and will discuss them with Mr. Donald McDonald and bring the information to the next meeting.

Michael McGuire Painting has finished with patching, painting and repairing the stairwell plus replacement of stained ceiling tile.

The replacement flooring for the third floor meeting rooms was delivered Wednesday, March 1 and installation began that day and was completed on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The wood trim installation is being installed too.

On March 7<sup>th</sup> Yorktown Glass replaced the screens in the older part of the library and replaced three failing windows on the third floor in the Board Room and meeting rooms.

The piano is moved back to the Meeting Room space. The blinds were reinstalled in the Meeting rooms.

Modernfold, the manufacturer of the divider door will address the seaming issue with a strip to cover the joint in the same material as the rest of the door. The rubber at the top has a dent when straight and this will be fixed.

Samples of the upgrade on the soft furniture in the smaller Meeting Room were made available to the committee. It was agreed that the cost was high and we will investigate other options for soft furniture.

Library Treasurer David Huber, Mrs. Petry and Staff Assistant Regina Butcher, met with Village of Tarrytown Administrator Michael Blau and Village Treasurer James Hart on February 21 to review the library budget. Mr. Blau made adjustments to the part time staff and the building budget. We are still awaiting health, insurance and pension numbers. We are hoping next year that the numbers we present to the new Village Administrator will be final, not adjusted. Mr. Huber will go over the finances at the April meeting.

The Library of America awarded Warner a \$1,200 programming grant for WWI and America. This program is intended to bring veterans and their families together with the public to explore continuing relevance of war through readings and discussion. TT Historian Richard Rose will facilitate the 4 part series that starts in October.

The Friends will host the Spring Book Sale on April 22-23 weekend.

Mayor Kenneth Wray of Sleepy Hollow reported the village will reappoint Trustee Michele R. Gonzalez to a new term 2017-2022. Ms. Gonzalez read/signed her oath of office.

Mr. David Neilson had a swearing in ceremony to become our next Board President. Congratulations and thank you, David!

May 6<sup>th</sup> is the Dedication Ceremony for Helen Andrew Memorial Garden and also the newly renovated Third floor Meeting Rooms. The open house will begin at 1:00 pm at the Helen Andrew Memorial Garden and 1:30 pm for the Meeting Rooms. Finger food/ light refreshments will be served. We hope to have a presentation with before and after pictures and a screen with our Village Contributors/Funders at the events.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liza Glover- Trustee