

Warner Library Board of Trustees
APPROVED MINUTES – February 18, 2016

Present: Library Trustees: Sharon Camlic, Liza Glover, Michele R. Gonzalez, David Huber, and Patricia Pinckney; Library Director, Maureen Petry; Liaison: Mary McGee and Dorothy Handelman; Absent: Trustee: Fiona Matthew and David Neilsen

Chairperson Comments: Ms. Gonzalez called the library board meeting to order at 7:45 pm. A motion was made by Ms. Gonzalez and seconded by Ms. Glover to accept the minutes of the January 2016 Board meeting. All board members present agreed.

Director's Report: Mrs. Petry reported that the Village of Tarrytown issued a Certificate of Compliance for the roof on February 4, 2016. After receiving the Certificate of Compliance, the final expenditure report for the Warner Roof and Rehabilitation Project was submitted to the New York State Education Department. The report was approved on Tuesday, February 9. The library will receive the final \$15,589 as soon as the state sends the check.

Ms. Matthew signed the contract between Warner Library and Lothrop Associates LLP for the third floor renovation on February 12 after a thorough review of the plans by Ms. Matthews and Mrs. Petry.

Mrs. Petry received the condition and treatment report for the Rockwell Kent painting *America* from Larry Shar, President of Lowy Art Conservation and Restoration in New York. The painting should be restored. Dorothy Handelman, Sleepy Hollow Liaison has offered to look into the value and to further research the painting.

The library received a grant in the amount of \$400.00 from Poets & Writers, Inc. of New York for memoir writing workshops with Natalie Safir *Stories I Like to Tell*. There will be eight workshops in all culminating with a public reading at the end. Ms. Safir is the long time memoir instructor at the Neighborhood House. Francesca Spinner, President of the Neighborhood House, asked that the library take over this program and offer it to the community.

EF School has agreed to sponsor the museum pass program for the library for 2016 and has given us a \$1,000.00 check.

Anita Suchdeo of Kids' Club of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow visited the library to find out about their latest grant to the children's room on Wednesday, February 10. She was very pleased to hear that the *Launching Learning at Home* grant that included the purchase of Kindles and Launchpads (tablets for children preloaded with educational apps) was going very well. The Launchpads were so popular that Children's Librarian Patricia Cohn purchased more Launchpads and fewer Kindles than originally planned.

As was discussed with Ms. Suchdeo, the grant request for this spring from the Kids' Club will be for a littleBits kit. littleBits is a platform of easy-to-use electronic building blocks for creating inventions such as small robots. It is a STEM based learning tool. As Kids' Club is now requiring a partnership for library grant requests, the Rotary Club annual community grant will be the match for the littleBits request.

The Kids Speak up for Solar Awards Ceremony was held on Monday February 8th at 6:30 pm sponsored by the Tarrytown Environmental Advisory Council (TEAC) and Solarize Tarrytown. Students from all grades submitted original artwork, posters, videos etc. representing the need for sustainable energy or how solar energy works and its benefits. Awards were given out to the winning entries. Library Liaison Mary McGee, Trustees Sharon Camlic and David Neilsen were in attendance.

The Board discussed the proposed 2016-2017 Library operating budget including a one-time increase to help offset the third floor renovations. After discussion, Mr. Huber moved to adopt the presented 2016-2017 budget in the amount of \$1,717,433. Ms. Gonzalez seconded the motion and all present agreed. A meeting is scheduled with Michael Blau, Village of Tarrytown Administrator and James Hart, Village of Tarrytown Treasurer on February 19, 2016. A meeting will be scheduled to present the Board approved budget to the Warner Library Budget Board consisting of three members of the Board of Trustees from the Village of Sleepy Hollow and the Village of Tarrytown.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Regina Butcher