

Warner Library Board of Trustees
APPROVED MINUTES – May 19, 2016

Present: Library Trustees: Sharon Camlic, Michele R. Gonzalez, Liza Glover and David Huber; Library Director: Maureen Petry; Liaisons: Rachelle Gebler and Mary McGee; Absent: David Neilsen and Patricia Pinckney

Project Manager Robert Gabalski and Andrew Acevedo of Lothrop presented samples of light fixtures for the third floor renovation. Discussion was held to finalize information needed for Lothrop to prepare the bid documents. The Board reviewed the light fixtures and discussed which add alternatives should be included in the bid documents. The Board thanked Mr. Gabalski and Mr. Acevedo for bringing the fixtures to the meeting.

Chairperson comments: Ms. Gonzalez called the meeting to order after Lothrop representatives left. A motion was made by Mr. Huber and seconded by Ms. Gonzalez to accept the minutes of the April 21, 2016 Board meeting. All board members present agreed.

Director's Report: Mrs. Petry presented her report. Mrs. Petry stated that at the last meeting, the Board approved the purchase of two hotspots. When looking into the cost of the purchasing the devices, it was determined that it was cheaper to buy a bundle package that contains five (have extras if there is a problem with one or lost); it is \$10 a month to connect each device. Ms. Gonzalez made a motion to change decision to connect two hotspots instead of just one, Ms. Glover seconded the motion and the board agreed.

Geo Environmental took 23 samples from the third floor to test for asbestos. The report from Geo Environmental received on Wednesday, May 11 stated that the materials tested were negative for asbestos.

David Neilsen's was re-appointed as Trustee by the Village of Tarrytown. His term now expires December 2021. The Village of Tarrytown changed the expiration of terms for all their volunteers to December.

Mayor Kenneth Wray of Sleepy Hollow appointed Edward Berry to the Library Board on May 17. Mr. Berry is filling the vacancy left by Fiona Matthew and his term expires March 31, 2020.

Ellen Bach, an attorney with White, Osterman and Hanna LLP located in Albany NY is working with Warner regarding the Charter issue. She has asked for copies of our by-laws and the contract between the two Villages supporting Warner.

Helaine Fendelman completed her survey of recent Rockwell Kent sales and the Kent market in general. She noted in her report that the library as a 501 c 3 nonprofit must by law sell items of value at auction to demonstrate an arm's length transaction between buyer and seller. In a phone conversation between Dorothy Handelman, Ms. Fendelman and Mrs. Petry, Ms Fendelman stated that Rockwell Kent paintings are not currently "hot commodities" and she advised the Board to restore the painting rather than try to

sell it now. She said that Lowy is a good and reputable art restorer and the Board can use them with confidence. She also advised that once the painting is restored it should be moved out of direct sunlight. The Library Board unanimously approved the sending of "America" by Rockwell Kent to Lowy Art Conservation and Restoration in New York for restoration.

The estate of Mr. Robert Johnson of Tarrytown was settled and the library received \$6,036.32. The Library Board unanimously agreed that these funds could be used to renovate the office space. It needs painting, new counter top and bookcase to organize the office. This office is used all day long by staff.

The library has been receiving donations in memory of Helen Andrew. Helen loved the Children's Room. Len Andrew and family agreed the money could be used to create a rock garden outside the story room window in her name.

The Hall of Fame contest winners this year are Daniel Livingston - Ambrose Kingsland essay from Sleepy Hollow and Virginia Ruhland-Mauhs - Frederick Philipse essay from Tarrytown. The Hall of Fame presentation is scheduled for May 26. Each of the students will receive a check in the amount of \$200 from their respective Villages.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Butcher