

Bethlehem Public Library Trustee Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2017

Members Present: Doug Harman, Nora Clark, Lisa Ffrench, Deb McKenzie, Sally Syren, Len Grubbs, Judy Warden & Sara Plumley

Library Director present: Laura Clerkin

Doug called meeting @ 7:05 pm.

Meeting Minutes: Sally made motion to accept September minutes. Nora seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – no report. No data due to meeting earlier than regular schedule.

Old Business

New Business

Building & Grounds: Lisa has the plans and needs to get plants installed. Lisa is planning to start planting possibly tomorrow. Laura has a lead on a Master Gardener to do a program.

Finance: Len distributed revised budget. Propane cost changed. Doug reviewed the budget process for new members. Doug (and add'l members) met with liason. He anticipates that we may be asked to cut budget by 5%. Due to an already lean budget, only hours could be cut and then we would risk losing employees due to reduced hours. Doug encouraged discussion among the board to determine if trustees are willing to take a collective stand in support of our proposed budget . Board unanimously agreed to remain unified that we are not willing to cut hours and to defend the budget. Discussion commenced in support of Laura & staff , their value and the need for their wages to be competitive in order to retain them. Trustees will meet with Select Board on Monday, October 16 at 6 p.m. (time to be confirmed).

Sally made a motion to accept budget as written: \$118,300 with caveat that we will stand by our budget. Len seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Len motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:40 pm. Sara seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Deb McKenzie