

**Town of Chester Library Board of Trustees Meeting
February 20, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 10:15 am

Those present= Lynn Thomas, Regina Chabarek, Trudy Walp, Judy Patterson, Charlie Lytz, Alma Alvarez, Library Director.

Excused= Mary Matrose, Tom Sliva. A verbal resignation has been received from Jane O'Connell, letter to follow.

Minutes of Jan. meeting reviewed, corrections made. Minutes with corrections approved...Regina moved, Charlie seconded, approved.

Treasurer's Report=\$ 2,920.24 is current balance in checking account. Charlie asked if we need to have a capital amount in checking account. Alma states not necessary. Lynn moved to accept Treasurer's report, Judy seconded, approved.

Director's Report= Mr. Cronin from the Adirondack Foundation has asked if he can delay his meeting with the board from Feb. 20 to next meeting on March 20. \$ 5,000.00 grant from SALS received for new air conditioners. The Library Annual Report has been finished. A copy will be sent to each board member for review. Please E Mail any questions to Alma before the March meeting.

Friends of Library Report= Linda Taverni absent, but sent report. "Please remind everyone of the Library book sale this Fri. and Sat. Could use some help on Sat. afternoon to clean up if anyone is available. Also the lecture on Birds is Thursday night. The YMCA/Town grant has been scaled down as they learned it didn't cover capital improvements or equipment so plans for gym/auditorium are on hold for now. They still want to set up the fitness room in our book room."

Town Board= No report

Brainstorming ideas for Endowment fundraising events: Alma suggested a concert, possibly the Bruchac Family, Native American story telling and music. Regina suggested a party/cocktail party at the Stone Caves and possibly local musicians. Tom suggested a dinner with silent auction on items donated or a straight raffle. Trudy shared that Clifton Park Library has memorial paving bricks in memory of people in the community that people can purchase. Alma stated that a place to put these pavers would have to be found and cleared through the Town.

Notes from Tom: " Not about a fund raising event, but a reason for donations. If a person is required to take a distribution from their 401K (people over 70), they can make a donation directly to an organization and not have to pay the tax on that amount."

Committees:

Policies: Charlie and Tom. Charlie reports the SALS by-laws have been used to revamp the Library by-laws.

Endowment Fundraising: Alma, Lynn Judy, Trudy, Mary

Grant: Alma, Trudy

Other

Joint automation agreement between SALS/MVL , copies have been sent to Trustees. Represented by county, Warren, Washington and Schenectady. Board President signed joint automation document.

This was Regina's last meeting. The board expressed appreciation to her for her service to the library / board of trustees.

Motion to adjourn made by Charlie, seconded by Regina, passed.
Meeting adjourned at 11:02 am.

Respectfully submitted
Judy Patterson