

Minutes of the Meeting
Kent Memorial Library Commission

March 8, 2016

Bob Brooks called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

I. Roll Call of Members

Present: Mike Alexopoulos	Robert "Bob" Brooks
Joan Greenfield	
Joe Grimard	Kathie Harrington
Claire Kawalec	Chris Rago
Bruce Rietberg	Robert "Bob" White
Jackie Hemond – Library Director	

II. Public Participation

- (a) Lester Smith – to observe, but did provide some clarification of discussions with Ted Flanders about the library interior.
- (b) Mel Chafetz – via Suffield Foundation, Mel updated us on the bench being built for the 2nd floor, which will have a small plaque mounted on the wall nearby. He was also involved in our discussions about the upcoming Dedication Ceremony, and funding for the new furniture.

III. Minutes

Motion to approve Minutes of our Regular Meeting of February 9th, 2016 and the Special Meeting February 24, 2016 - with no changes - made by Bruce Rietberg. Seconded by Bob White. Passed unanimously.

IV. Communications Received

Bob Brooks had spoken with Sam Coatti, recently absent due to her daughter's operation. Sam had reminded Bob that the seats being removed from the Auditorium have plaques from previous donors, and will have to be considered in changes. The two plaques honoring the Zak family are in process, likely to be ready for end of April. The Zak family hope to be available for the Dedication Ceremony on a Sunday in May.

V. Report of the Director

- (a) Furniture purchase update – Jackie has ordered about half the new furniture, and suggested pooling required funds in a Commission account to pay the suppliers.

The "last minute" changes required by Ted Flanders, especially the bolted companion chairs in the Café area, poses a critical problem and may eliminate the area to use as a Café. Bob Brooks will investigate further to determine the reason and source of this requirement so we can adapt accordingly.

(b) Dedication Ceremony – a small subcommittee will be formed with members from the Foundation and Commission to plan this. They will also determine who will be speaking, catering, estimated budget, and who to invite – to be private by invitation only, likely on a Sunday in May when the library is closed.

VI. Standing Committees Reports None

VII. Special Committees Reports
See above comments from Mel Chafetz regarding the bench.

VIII. Unfinished Business
(a) Discussion concerning proposed amendments to the library policies – Kathy Harrington provided changes she wanted to make, which were discussed. Bob White will provide an updated version with these changes, and others will be accepted from others later.

IX. New and Miscellaneous Business None

X. Adjournment

Bob Brooks adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

The next meeting will be April 12, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Rietberg
Secretary
March 8, 2016

Future 2016 Meetings : April 12, May 10, June 14, September 13, October 11, November 8, and Financial Meeting in December.