

Minutes of the Meeting

Kent Memorial Library Commission

September 13, 2016

Bob Brooks called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

I. **Roll Call of Members**

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

II. **Public Participation** Mel Chafetz (Board of Selectmen liaison) and President of Suffield Library Foundation

- a. Mel updated us that the Foundation will be sending out its annual fundraising letters within a month.

III. **Minutes**

Motion to approve Minutes of June 14, 2016 with no changes made by Becky Fuller. Seconded by Joan Greenfield. Passed unanimously.

IV. **Communications Received**

- (a) Joe Grimard sent an email to the other Commission members – When the Town announced our library was again going to move to another temporary location – this time to the Senior Center – without any communication with any of us, Joe was inundated by 17 angry telephone calls as he was the most widely known member, and apparently the only one with a published telephone number. Like the rest of us, Joe was unaware of any move, but responded best he could. Some of these were from people feeling very inconvenienced in their Senior Center activities.
- (b) Bob Brooks said he had received a notice of Resignation from Benito (JoJo) Cuevo due to a change in his business environment. He is also resigning from the Foundation.

V. **Report of the Director**

Jackie Hemond updated us on the new furniture that must remain in storage. She also advised that state funding for the interlibrary loan facility will be eliminated, and that the 3 main systems in CT (we belong to Bibliomation – 26 library members) will expect to experience a lower level of service.

VI. **Standing Committees Reports**

Claire Kawalec, Finance Committee, will ask our investment firm to a meeting with us in the Fall.

VII. **Special Committees Reports**

Friends of Kent Memorial Library again was privileged and thankful to hold their annual used book sale at Father Ted Hall at Sacred Heart Church. Bob White wishes

to express a huge thanks to Fr. Michael DeVito and the church for providing their facility for this worthy cause. Bob also advised that the Friends book sale this past weekend was very successful, raising almost \$18k (vs 2015 at almost \$20k) from 999 boxes of books (vs 950 in 2015), and included \$1,582 from the used book cart/table in the library. It was very helpful that the Mini-van service included a stop at the front door.

VIII. Unfinished Business

- (a) Update on Library Project – Jackie Hemond advised that she understands that there will be no further air quality tests (saving \$10k), but will next test HVAC air flow distribution again, as results were close to acceptable. They will apply to the State of CT for a “mod” exception if necessary. Then, they will try to locate any further PCB source, and determine to solve the problem by encapsulation or other method to finish this problem. This will likely take to the end of 2016.
- (b) Amendments to Library policies – Bob White advised that discussions were postponed due to activity for the book sale, and now he will be traveling on family business. We shall determine our next step next meeting.

IX. New and Miscellaneous Business

- (a) Bruce Rietberg was in Toronto with family, and advised that all Toronto libraries are on one system for interlibrary loans, seemingly more efficient than the 3 systems in CT. Also, some libraries there loan hand tools, as well as the usual library items.
- (b) Jackie reminded us that the author Luke Dittrich will be speaking Sept. 29 at 7 PM at Suffield High School. His neurosurgeon grandfather was instrumental in a mental health project in the 1950's.

X. Adjournment

Kathie Harrington made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bruce Rietberg.

Bob Brooks adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM.

The next meeting will be October 11, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Rietberg
Secretary
September 14, 2016

Future 2016 Regular Meetings : October 11, November 8, and Financial Meeting December 13.