

Ogdensburg Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes of September 20, 2016 Meeting

Trustees Present: Scott McRoberts, Jim Fish, Lin Griffin, Cathy Piche, Shelley Bond, Marc Boyer, Mary Margaret Small
Excused: Matt Duprey
Staff: Penny Kerfien, Stephanie Young – Dorian Lenney-Wallace excused (sick)
Guest: Laura Foster

Scott McRoberts, President, called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm. Motion to accept the agenda made by Lin Griffin and seconded by Marc Boyer. Carried.

Motion to accept the **minutes** of the June 21, 2016 meeting was made by Cathy Piche and seconded by Marc Boyer. Carried.

Financial and statistical reports were discussed. We appear to be right where we should be at this time of year in terms of expenditures. Building maintenance is the one item that has been overspent to date. A motion to approve bills paid was made by Jim Fish and seconded by Marc Boyer. Carried.

New Business was addressed next in order to hear from Laura Foster from the Remington.

1. Remington Item – Chippendale Gaming table, acquired in 1939 by the Library, has been de-accessioned by the Remington Museum and is in storage in the basement of the museum. Laura wondered if the Library had any interest in selling this piece which they do not intend to display. It is in poor condition and may have been a Van Heuvel family table. In 2006 the value as is was given as \$73,500. If “fixed up” the value could rise to a quarter million dollars. If this were to be sold the Library and the Remington would split the proceeds 50/50. Laura will seek information on restoration and conservation costs as well as estimates from auction houses as to what the restoration could cost. No action taken at this time.
2. The Remington Museum is requesting that the Library transfer the Eva Remington Trust endowment to the Remington to be used to care for the Remington collection. Currently the Library manages this endowment and sees no benefit from it except for the annual \$500 for books indicated in the will. If both boards accept a resolution to make such a transfer of funds, a request would be sent to the attorney general asking that the original trust changed so that the Remington could administer it directly. The reason for transferring the funds is that they are of no benefit to the Library. No action taken. This will be addressed again in October. The board requested the following information from Penny: Emma Caten will, the resolution the Remington is proposing, and the current balance in the fund. The board also requested recouping the \$500 that has not been taken for the past 4 years.
3. New Trustee suggestion – Michelle Mc Lagan. She is currently living in Ogdensburg and works as the Lisbon librarian and also as staff at the Canton Library. The board was sent her resume. A motion was made by Shelley Bond and seconded by Mary Margaret Small to accept Michelle as a new trustee to replace Father Michael. Carried.
4. NCLS Plan of Service accepted by a motion from Lin Griffin and second by Marc Boyer. Carried.

Director's Report: In addition to her written report Penny told us that the Library front steps will be sealed tomorrow after the Library is closed for the day. She also related that Officer Le Clair tried to

set up a meeting with himself, Penny, the kids who have been vandalizing the Library and their parents. The parents said they had no time for this. Penny will be back in touch with Juvenile Officer Le Clair to see what to do next.

Regarding becoming a School District Library Penny was asked to seek a proposal from Libby Post to work with us on this process, to be presented at the Oct. or Nov. meeting. Penny will email the current long range plan to us and send out a survey for dates to have a retreat with the purpose of rewriting and extending the long range plan. Penny also told the trustees that the budget presented to the City included a 2% increase for salaries and an increase for audit and insurance costs. Otherwise it was unchanged from 2015.

Adult Services Librarian's Report: In addition to her written report Stephanie told us about the open house to celebrate the new elevator and lift. Addie Russell and her children attended. Stephanie attended an NCLS workshop on the innovative services grant and passed information onto Dorian who plans to apply for the grant.

Committee Reports:

Buildings and Grounds – Stucco work will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 21. Northern Tier is doing the work. There will be a one year guarantee on the stucco.

Policy/Personnel – no report

Finance – No report

Program – No report

Old Business: Becoming a school district library was discussed during the presentation of the Director's Report.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm. Motion by Mary Margaret Small/Jim Fish. Carried.
Respectfully submitted,

Lin Griffin
Secretary