

Rochester Public Library Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 12, 2021
Via Free Conference Call per Covid-19

Present:

Trustees – Kelly Kelly, Barbara Shenton, Tony Goupee, Lynn Moltz, and Jolanta Labejsza
Librarian – Jeannette Bair
Meeting began: 5:46 pm

Public Communications/Comments: None

Board Communications/Comments: Follow up discussion on meeting with Clay. Jeannette is emailing Forrest monthly statements. Frank is working on roof issue and water situation in front of library and Pierce Hall. The paving on Route 100 will not happen until next year – 2022.

Secretary's Report:

Motion was made to accept the December minutes as presented. All were in favor.

Review of Action Items:

Action items were completed.

Treasurer's Report:

Barb presented her emailed December budget reports. Motion was made to approve the reports as presented. All were in favor.

Librarian's Report:

Jeannette presented her emailed report. Motion was made to approve the report as presented. All were in favor.

New Business:

Information for Town Report – Jeannette completed reports.

Discussion on plan for Town Meeting – Australian Ballot this year.

Trustee for 2021 – Brainstormed on people who might be interested.

Lighting – Jeff Gephart did an evaluation of previous lighting option we had picked. He ran the numbers and believes we can get enough light from these fixtures that we looked at years ago. We can get a \$800 discount. Twelve fixtures would cost \$2400. Mark Blaine can install for \$2,100. There is \$1,400 in capital campaign and \$3,600 left in annual campaign. Approximate total of \$5,000 was earmarked for this project.

Motion made to move forward for lighting upgrades and electrical installments as presented by Librarian. All were in favor.

Battery replacement expenses – There are an unmanageable number of things running on batteries. Some are up to \$150 to replace - emergency lights, surge protector in basement, smoke detectors to name a few.

We discussed ideas for discarded books and will continue our discussion next month.

Old Business:

Fundraising update - \$6,500 to date

Current Covid status – Still operating on Porch pick up.

Action Items:

Tony will attend Select Board meetings.

Jeannette and Barb will talk with Kristin regarding the HRA monies.

Jeannette will talk with Forrest regarding Wing and Kirkpatrick fund amounts.

Jeannette will talk with Mark Blaine and Louie Donnet for advice on battery issues.

Jeannette will ask 3-4 suggested people regarding Trustee position.

Everyone consider options for discarded books.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:43 PM

Next Regular Meeting: February 9, 2021 at 5:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Lynn Moltz, Secretary