

Bancroft Public Library
Board of Trustees – Minutes of the June 5, 2018 Regular Meeting

Present were Ed Donoghue, Kim Erbe, Rebecca Brown, Siri Allison, and Alesa Wilson. Also present was Library Director Susan Getty, Friends of the Library Treasurer Wendy Hunter, Town Supervisor Sue Clary, SALS Director Sara Dallas, and a member of the public.

Minutes: Alesa Wilson made a motion, Kim Erbe seconded, to approve the May 1, 2018 minutes. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Correspondence: Director Susan Getty shared a letter from Senator Betty Little informing the Library they will receive \$2500 in Bullet Aid. A thank you letter from the Library Board to Senator Little was signed, to be mailed after the meeting. Also shared was a thank you card from the family of Peg Culver expressing their appreciation for the dedication plaque and party.

Public Comment: Town Supervisor Sue Clary shared with the Board that there is \$17,000 granted by the Office of Court Administration for the Court's use in better securing the courtroom or providing a confidential/private space for attendees. She is looking for ways to combine Library and building upgrades with Court requirements. After discussion, Kim Erbe made a motion, Alesa Wilson seconded, to specifically oppose using the judicial grant money for projects that would allow access to the Library when it's closed. All were in favor of the opposition and the motion was carried.

Sara Dallas shared information about and encouragement for applying for a construction grant and emphasized the many ways SALS can assist.

Treasurer/Finance Officer's Report: Vouchers from the Library Fund Nos.: 36 through 45 and totaling \$4297.78 were audited and ordered paid. Siri Allison made a motion, Kim Erbe seconded, to accept the Financial Statements as presented. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Library Director's Report: See attached.

Committee reports: The Long-Range Planning Committee reported that the new survey is out on the Library's website and in paper form at the Library circulation desk and at Salem Central School. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 19 at 4 PM. Sara Dallas mentioned that Erica Freudenberger, Outreach Consultant at SALS, is available to assist with long-range planning.

Old Business: Regarding the status of the the Charter process, Sara Dallas mentioned that the contact at the State Ed Department, Mary Anne Waltz, is back from leave and can provide an update. Susan will contact her.

Regarding selling some of the historic book collection, Alesa Wilson made a motion, Siri Allison seconded, to sell to The Owl Pen used book store five titles at the prices offered (list in the files). All were in favor and the motion was carried.

The landscaping project is complete and looks great. The Secretary will write thank you notes to Amy Maxwell and her landscaping class, Howard Law for his donation of time and his machinery in preparing the new beds, Travis Keys for his assistance and the topsoil, and Linda Marlo for the soaker hose and volunteering to monitor watering.

A decision on a water cooler was tabled until more information could be gathered.

Regarding lamps for the reading room, everyone will be on the lookout for something in keeping with the feel of the room.

Regarding the auctioning of *Postillae Perpetuae* to the Swann Galleries of NYS, Siri Allison made a motion, Alesa Wilson seconded, to authorize President Ed Donoghue to sign the contract and send it in. The book will be auctioned in October.

New Business: Regarding air conditioning in the building, discussion was had. Ed Donoghue will look for prices on evaluating the existing system to judge its remaining life vs replacement, and also an independent estimate for cooling the community room.

Regarding restoration of the landscape painting attributed to Mrs. Jane Kellog, inquiries will be made to the Hyde Collection in Glens Falls and the Tang Museum at Skidmore College in search of a place to have it properly cleaned.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned.