

NEWPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2017

1. Call to order: President Michael Dawson called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. in the Rotary Room of the Newport Public Library.

Attendance: Robin Skuncik-Jones, Michael Dawson, Rita Slom, Matthew Leys, Stephen Waluk, Peter Baylor, Sandra Pattie, Linda Martin, Robin Skuncik-Jones, Michael Dutton, Joe Logue

Excused: Scott Skuncik

Absent: Angel Gonzalez, Gina Brown, Lynn Ceglie

2. Amendments to the Agenda:

There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

3. Finance Report:

The Wells Fargo Accounts are showing a 1.4% increase. The library is seeing a 3.8% increase in total income. The city is a couple weeks behind on sending their monthly payment. The Annual Report has been completed and approved.

4. Fundraising Report:

The Rotunda has been booked for the 2018 fundraiser. The fundraiser is scheduled for June 24, 2018. Fran Mendell is hoping to have the Annual Appeal letters out before Thanksgiving.

5. Friends of the Library Report:

The Friends Bookstore Holiday Booksale is scheduled for December 8 through December 13. The Friends now have 92 members and have received a Thank You from the Library for their generous yearly donation.

6. Library Director Report:

Joe Logue continues to talk about the Library on WADK. They have approach the library about doing a remote broadcast that we would have to fill with content. There are also collaborations beginning with Fab Newport, Innovation Hub, and Salve Regina Outreach. The Library would like to become a place to train patrons in rudimentary skills to take them into other areas.

The library is considering a Creative Aging program that we are hoping St. Clair's will help underwrite.

Sunday hours have been quiet so far.

Upcoming Event: Consider Your Shelf – educates patron on

upcoming new releases and how to use all the features of your library account.

7. Old Business:

Carpet: Multiple quotes have been received. Robin Skuncik-Jones suggested updating the YA and Children's areas, holding on the Reference area for the time being. Joe Logue noted that the carpet in the children's area is starting to wear, effecting the structural integrity.

A motion was voted on by Linda Martin to move forward with the carpet replacement in YA and Children's with Rene & Sons Carpet, seconded by Michael Dawson and approved by all with no objections or abstentions.

8. New Business:

Board members were informed of Mary Barrett-O'Neill's passing. The library will be creating bookplates in her memory.

Board members were asked to sign up for various committees as well as review the conflict of interest agreement.

10. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled on January 18, 2017.