

Minutes of the Ellsworth Public Library board of Trustees

November 14 / 6:30 PM /

ATTENDEE

Sarah Lesko, Craig MacDonald, Kathleen Cravens, Judith Lyles, Rain Perez, Kristin Onos

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Craig MacDonald at 6:30 pm Craig extended a warm welcome to the Board to Rain.

Public Comment No public present

Consent Agenda

- Minutes of October 16 meeting
- Financial Reports and Planning
- Building and Grounds Report

A motion was made by Kathleen and seconded by Judi to approve the consent agenda and motion carried. Craig introduced Jonathon Dolloff and Loraine Ouellette from First National Wealth Management. They then reviewed our portfolio and gave their Investment recommendations which was very informative. We will continue as discussed. Craig thanked them for their time and expertise.

Friends of the Library Report

Judith volunteered to attend the Friends meeting and be the liaison between the Friends and the Board. Rain also will try and attend. The Friends meet the first Wednesday of the month at 1 P.M.. They will be decorating the library on Monday the 27th from 2-3:30 if anyone would like to help

OLD BUSINESS

- Sarah reported that she is meeting with Trenton flooring to review tiles for the main entry. She wants to preserve the historic aesthetic. Edmund is collecting quotes for automatic sink fixture for the public bathroom.
- Annual Appeal to date is \$20,000. It was suggested that we remove the signature of the secretary from the letter next year.
- Town warrant process discussed and Sarah will work with Sandy to make this process more accessible and easy noting that each town has a different date for submission and whether or not a representative from the library needs to attend or not.
- Tom Silva is making Sarah dreams come true as he is working on FREE Libraries for Lamoine and Suury. Each will have new books and a sign out sheet. A huge Thank you to Tom for his contribution.

Unfinished Business

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New Business

Formal welcome and overview of Trustee duties to Rain. We are delighted to have her and welcome her ideas and thoughts. Judi asks that we investigate the process for increasing the overall number of Board members. She suggests between 7-12 members which is what she has seen as the average for nonprofit boards membership. This would allow us a more diverse representation of our community. We will look into this in the New Year.

Executive session per MRSA Title 1, Chapter13,Sec406,Paragraph 6A to discuss employment matters

Not needed

DECISIONS,Action Items and Next Steps

Discussed that in January we begin to explore our charter and personnel ordinances. Also asked that Craig look into the purchase of more official name tags for us.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 8:27. Next Meeting December 20 at 6:30 pm

Respectively submitted

Kathleen Cravens, Secretary