

DARWIN R. BARKER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 20, 2016
STEELE ROOM 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT

President P. Clark, Librarian S. Hart, N. Bowser, D. Dengler, L. Prechtl, N. Privatera, K. Sheldon

UNABLE TO ATTEND

J. Gugino, B. Liener

MINUTES

Approved

CORRESPONDENCE

Cards were received from the Library staff thanking the Board of Directors for their Christmas bonus (\$50).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Reviewed and approved

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

- See attached
- Sara was requested to provide the 2014 Monthly Statistics in addition to the 2015 statistics.
- The Board approved the sale of the piano for whatever monetary amount can be obtained.
- Sara attended a workshop regarding applications for the Northern Chautauqua County Community Foundation.
- The upgrade of the Library webpage was discussed. Sara will canvas other libraries to see how theirs have been developed, the cost involved, and how they are maintained. An additional use of the webpage could be on-line donations and memorials.
- Vincent Martonis was recommended as a contact for appraising rare books.

TOWN REPRESENTATIVE

None present

VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE

None present

OLD BUSINESS

- The library and museum budgets should be merged as per request.
- The Village insurance covers the library. The Tremaine Policy will be left in Peter's mailbox in the library. Board members may check it out for review—particularly the liability sections.
- The contents of the library are being cataloged.
- Board Members have been carried over, but an additional member is needed. Virginia Harper has been recommended as a possible candidate. Current Board members are as follows:

10/20/14-10/20/17	10/2015-10/2018	10/2013-10/2016
P. Clark (President)	N. Privatera	J. Gugino
K. Sheldon	L. Prechtl (secretary)	B. Liener
D. Dengler		N. Bowser

- To date the roof has not had any problems due to the weather.

NEW BUSINESS

- Grants for appraisals may be available from New York State. Sara will explore this possibility.
- Joe Gugino wondered about the policy for closing the library during inclement weather. The discussion was tabled and the decision to close will currently be left up to Sara.
- Library policies need to be reviewed and revised if necessary. The sub-committee for this task will be Sara, Nan, and Linda.
- David Dengler reported on the possible switch to Blue Rock Utilities. Energy bills need to be reviewed for comparison. David will contact the company and help with the comparison.
- Eli will attend the next meeting to review the *Handbook for Library Trustees in New York State*.

NEXT MEETING—February 17, 2016 at 4:00 in the Steele Room

MEETING ADJOURNED—4:55

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Prechtl