

DARWIN R. BARKER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 16, 2016
Steele Room—4:00 P.M.

PRESENT

President P. Clark, Director S. Hart, N. Bowser, D. Dengler, V. Harper, B. Leiner, L. Prechtl, N. Privatera, K. Sheldon

GUESTS

Mark Twichell and Michelle Twichell

MINUTES

Approved

CORRESPONDENCE

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

- A concern was voiced regarding some lines being over and some under on the budget.
- M&T bank is charging \$1200 to keep the Morris Miller fund. The will specifically indicates that the fund be held by M&T.
- Courier Capital will be contacted to discuss the library's investments at the February meeting.
- The library's tax returns were filed.
- The audit for the library looks good.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

- Director Sara Hart reviewed the Monthly Report. A copy is attached.
- The estimate for TRANE to repair the AC unit is \$500. The repair can be held off until spring. This will be discussed at the February meeting.
- A door repair cost \$225.
- The mission statement needs to be revised and this will be addressed at the January meeting.
- The Johnson dictionary was given to the library and is being.
- The Bullet Aid from New York State is \$8500. There is also \$3,000 from a donor, as well as \$500 for collaboration with Fredonia Central School. Since the Board would like to use the money in a frugal and thoughtful manner, there was a suggestion that these dollars be moved to a capital improvement fund which would allow time to use the dollars wisely and not lose the funding.

TOWN REPRESENTATIVE

None present

VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE

None present

OLD BUSINESS

- The Village of Fredonia is ready to go forward with a 10-year lease for the library. The Board of Directors approved President Peter Clark to sign the lease.
- The Board of Directors continues to seek a new member.

- The Village of Fredonia has dropped insurance coverage for the library. Therefore the library is now carrying its own insurance at a cost of \$2539 per year. Museum holdings are not covered under this plan.

NEW BUSINESS

- Nan Bowser and David Dengler toured the museum. They reported that there are glass plates with historical information on them, but no one who has the experience is cataloging the information. There is a need for uniformity in data collection and someone with expertise in museum work is needed to oversee it. Sara Hart spoke with Michelle Henry at the Chautauqua County Historical Association about possible grant funding for this job. A salary of approximately \$30,000 would be needed for a part time position. Guests Mark and Michelle Twichell are aware of a young curator in Buffalo. Along with Jim Boltz and Doug Shephard they have looked into historic designation for their work regarding the first gas well. It is possible that there are photos of the first gas well in the museum. Archeologists are interested in photos for proof of the gas well placement. The Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation could be a source of some funding.

NEXT MEETING - January 18, 2017

MEETING ADJOURNED – 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Prechtl