

WESTERN SULLIVAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARY BOARD

MINUTES

December 14 ,2009

Attendees: Brown, M., Harder, B., Luchsinger, J., Peck, B., Reinhardt, P., Robisch, K., Scott, S., Sullivan, J., Whalen, B.

Guest: Reinhardt, V., Morehead, B., Johansen, G.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Pam Reinhardt at 5:11 PM and was followed by a Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Beth Peck and seconded by Marge Brown to accept the corrected minutes from the prior meeting. The correction reflects Brad Harder deserves thanks for help with GroSolar, not Barbara Harder. Motion approved.

Financial Report: Pam Reinhardt suggested the Finance Committee look into the possibility of seeking another bank which gives a greater yield on CD's. The Committee will also look at the Credit Union as a possible bank since they offer direct deposit which may be a benefit to our employees.

Barbara Harder cautioned that we watch our spending in the future and keep in mind while preparing the next budget that the economic times of the present may effect us in the future. Sue Scott reported she has spoken to Brenda Adams LLSA to get a heads up about what RCLS may expect in the future. It was estimated that RCLS may see a 25% drop in funding. This will probably translate as more charges to us for services from RCLS, i.e. ANSER. The basic ANSER fee is increasing 10%. Barbara Adams also suggested we budget a \$5,000 buffer for unexpected expenses. Some believe that RCLS will not be solvent by the year 2011. We will have to watch our spending for such things as programs, audits, etc. In addition we may have to shift some line items to the old monies.

The Finklestein Library in Spring Valley has officially indicated their intent to leave the ANSER system in January 2010. This will mean the other RCLS libraries will have to absorb the \$14,000 fee they formerly paid for ANSER. Susan and Pam will draft a letter from our Board to the RCLS Board expressing our concerns over the increased expenses to us.

The remainder of the financial report was reviewed from handouts provided. A motion was made by Barbara Harder and seconded by Keith Robisch to accept the report. Motion accepted.

Director's Report:

Custodial Services- Constable Custodial appears to be doing well after some instruction.

Holiday Book Sale- The annual book sale was a success. Final numbers will be presented at the next meeting.

Staff Holiday Party- The staff Holiday Party will take place at the Narrowsburg Branch on December 17th. The branches will close at 2pm and the party will begin a 3pm.

Annual Report- The Annual Report is due February 1. Susan will begin to work on this as soon as the website is unlocked.

Annual Budget □ Joe Anne and Susan will work on a preliminary budget for considerations in January. A budget meeting has been scheduled.

New Business:

State Budget Concerns- See above

Callicoon Holiday Fair- Val Reinhardt expressed concern that the Liberty library was asked to sell books at the indoor Holiday Farmer's Market instead of the Callicoon library. Susan will speak to the Director of the Liberty library to see how the invitation was received.

Committee Reports:

Building: The Board met at the Narrowsburg Branch prior to the meeting and reviewed the plans with Buck Morehead as well as did a walk through. It was felt that the building committee should discuss options at a future meeting and present it to the Board. The Narrowsburg branch does not appear to have such pressing needs as we believed in the past.

Finance: See above

Personnel: Nothing o report.

Donations: Nothing to report.

Old Business: None

Dates to Remember: See enclosed calendar.

Correspondence: Nothing to report.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:50pm was made by Keith Robisch and seconded by Marge Brown. Motion approved.