

Heermance Memorial Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the September 17, 2015 meeting

In attendance: Board Members: Catherine Benson, Carol Serazio, Claudine West, Mark Maraglio, Jennifer Weinstein, Mary Anne Simmons, Jeff Jones, Wanda Dorpfeld and Director Linda Deubert

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Catherine Benson.

Guests: Cindy Van Stone, President of the Friends, was a guest at the meeting. Cindy said that the Friends are problem solving how to handle the gardens around the library. The gardens will be simplified next year. They plan to take pictures of the library with a drone so they can divide the garden into sections, then people can adopt a section to tend.

The Friends will be doing refreshments for the election coming up on October 13. They will be hosting the Halloween party, as well as the bus trip to New York City.

A new event in the planning for next year is “A Night with Sinatra” which will be held at a restaurant perhaps with a family style spaghetti and meatball dinner.

Minutes: A motion was made by Jeff to accept the August 13, 2015 minutes with the correction of the next meeting date which should have been September 17, seconded by Claudine. Motion carried, all in favor.

Correspondence: The library received a thank you note from the Friends for the garden party hosted by Christine Reda and Maureen Hanse to thank them for all they do.

Linda received a letter from Noel Heermance. He said he had several family members who had authored articles and books and he would like to donate copies free of charge to the library. Linda will contact him. She suggested that the best place for them to be donated might be the Vedder Research Library.

Director’s Report: Linda said she is working on the Annual Report to the Community. Our battle of the books team competed last Saturday. They won one round and lost two. A big thank you to Catherine Mogul and Maureen Hanse who volunteered their time and travel to be judges.

The Publicity and Election Committee needs to meet.

A motion to approve the Director’s Report was made by Mark, seconded by Mary Anne. Motion carried, all approved.

Financial Report: Mary Anne presented the monthly bills. A motion was made by Jeff to approve the monthly bills, seconded by Mark. Motion approved, all in favor.

The P & L statement was presented and discussed. A motion to approve the P & L was made by Wanda, seconded by Jeff. Motion approved, all in favor.

Committee Report: Publicity & Elections: Linda will ask Hinterland to print and package the ballots for the election.

Old Business: Catherine complimented Linda on her presentation to the Town Board.

New Business: Tom Silvius is running for the Board. We also need another person to run for the Board because we now have two vacancies. If you have a name of someone who would like to run, please forward it to Claudine. Claudine will be running, but Mary Anne and Catherine will not.

Announcements: Catherine announced that MHLS has three board seats available and they have three nominees: Sharon C. Davis from Columbia County, Barry Ramage from Dutchess County, and Debra Wilson Klein from Greene County.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next meetings will be October 15, November 19 and December 17.

Respectfully submitted,
Wanda Dorpfeld