

MEETING OF LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 7:00pm

Present: Nanette Trusler, Carole Eckart, Wendy Ortega, Kathy Georgian, Sue Butler, Vicky Coffin, Robin Jensen

Guests: Carl Nawrocki, Ron LaBonte, Bartolo Drennen

CALL TO ORDER at 7:01pm by Sue Butler

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Discussion of Transgender 101 Library program

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

OPEN DISCUSSION: There was a discussion and an agreement to move the Open Discussion to the beginning of the meeting while all Board members would be present for the discussion. Robin needed to leave at 7:30pm.

- Transgender 101 Program- Wendy voiced concern that the Transgender 101 program was inappropriate as a Library program and that we should stay away from sexuality topics. Vicky shared that there has been positive and negative feedback about the program. Vicky provided copies of the program announcement and description, Salem Library Mission Statement and Program policy. After some discussion, a motion was made with additional requirement for permission slip or adult present for those under 18, to proceed with the program as planned. Motion made by Sue. Carole 2nd, M/C 4-1.

GENERAL PROCEEDINGS

- MINUTES OF the January meeting were reviewed and a motion to accept was made by Sue. Wendy 2nd. M/C 4-0.
- FINANCIAL REPORT: Wendy reviewed the treasurer report. Wendy and Vicky will work together to finalize the numbers with the Town Treasurer and report the results in April. The adjustment is due to funds from the CT State Libraries that was intended for the Town Clerks office not the Library. Vicky shared that she has requested the distribution from the Community Foundation \$2,350 (distributions from 2017 & 2018) to be used towards improving the Library Website. Motion was made by Sue, Nanette 2nd. M/C 4-0.
- CORRESPONDENCE: NONE
- LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: - Vicky reviewed her monthly report. She highlighted the programs to come this spring and the annual SFPL report. Announced a concert to be held in memory of Judy Rabe. Reviewed the results of the BOS and BOF meeting. Vicky proudly announced that Carl has been awarded with an Award for Volunteer Service to CT Libraries. He is also a member of the Friends of the CT Library and has been generous with his time to SFPL. He has volunteered approximately 24 years and instrumental in the building of the current Library building.

- FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT: Carl gave a report of the Friends of the Library. He highlighted that April is national Library Month.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

- Salem Historical Society- Vicky shared a request from the SHS to display panels of historical Salem pictures in celebration of Salem's bicentennial. After some discussion, a motion to allow SHS to display the panels was made by Sue. Kathy 2nd. M/C 4-0.
- Vicky announced two other programs to come in celebration of Salem's bicentennial: Salem Land Trust Junior photo contest (perhaps to also display) and Salem's Got Talent at the Library in August 2019.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:50pm by Sue

Respectfully submitted by,

Wendy Ortega

Acting secretary

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, April 9th at 7:00PM