

## **Peterborough Town Library Board of Trustees**

### **Draft Minutes**

**October 17, 2019**

**Meeting called to order:** 6:00 pm

**Trustees Present:** Marcia Patten (Chair), Laura Hanson (Secretary), Ron Drogy, Greg Kriebel (Alternate), & Libby Reinhardt (Alternate)

**Others Present:** Corinne Chronopoulos (Library Director)

Discussion and edits of the library's gift policy.

**Motion to approve Greg to vote in place of Karen Struthers and Libby to vote for Ron Bowman. RD, LH Motion passed**

**Motion to approved amended gift policy. GK, LH Motion passed**

**Minutes from September 19, 2019 meeting accepted. RD, LH**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

September Treasurer's Report will be reviewed at November meeting.

#### **Director's Report Highlights**

- Talked with Mindy Taylor, curator at Fry Fine Art, to review the current artwork in the library and to help to find a good source for a) storing the historic oil paintings during construction, and
- b) cleaning the historic paintings. A few are in poor condition and need some touch-ups and repair. The cost is roughly \$800 minimum per painting. Have completed an inventory of all the artwork and they should be insured asap.
- The furnace was cleaned and appears to be functioning without issues. More lights are failing in the library and they cannot be replaced.
- The new State Library hosted Interlibrary Loan System is up and running. Ann Harrison and Corinne spent a lot of time training, piloting the new system, and working out the issues. They are happy with the functioning and have resumed ILL services.
- Mary and Corinne have created a framework for welcoming community members to offer programs at the library. An application allows for a review of program ideas submitted by the public and to decide how to serve the library's mission.
- Jos Duffy, the library's program coordinator, will be re-launching the Short Reads program. The program focuses on tech, health, current events, and science-based topics.
- The library participated in Banned Book Week this year by doing a fun trivia game. The library gave away five Orwellian tote bags to the winners. Over 100 entries were submitted during the week.
- Corinne was happy to report that LinkedIn has canceled their plans to force the library to migrate to LinkedIn Learning which would have compromised patron confidentiality.

- Corinne would like to do more to market the library to people who do not currently use the library, and do not have a direct return on their investment in the library. She would particularly like to reach 20 – 30 year olds.

**Motion to accept the Director’s Report. GK, RD Motion Passed**

**1833 Society Report**

Corinne reported on behalf of the 1833 Society and said that the \$10,000 anonymous match is now at \$1,300.

There are several foundation “Asks” out which total over \$500,000.

The goal is to start construction in Spring 2020.

**Old Business**

**Motion to accept new library card policy. GK, LH Motion passed**

**New Business**

The library is participating in “Peak into Peterborough” this coming Saturday and will have a table with other non-profit organizations in Putnam Park. Corinne is seeking volunteers.

Deb Ames spoke to the Board about the long history of her mother’s grandparents, the Boccelli’s, who were a prominent family in Peterborough during the 1900’s. Deb and her mother have spent years compiling the history as a book and presented a copy to the library. Deb also offered a photograph of her grandparents, along with a photograph of her grandfather’s cobbler shop which was housed in the current Alice Blue building downtown, to the library. The trustees said they would be most pleased to accept the donation of the framed pictures under the donation policy.

**Motion to adjourn made at 7:40 PM RD, LH**

**Next meeting: Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 6:00 PM**

Respectfully submitted, Laura Hanson