

The Field Library, Peekskill, New York

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, December 10, 2019

Present: Chris Vega, Joe Galella, Karen Kelley, Melinda Cosentino, Sandra Smith, Christopher Alexander, Mary Foster, Councilwoman Patricia Riley, Library Executive Director Jennifer Brown, Alan Most (taking notes)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7.02pm by Ms. Kelley.
2. Ms. Brown noted that the library will be purchasing two hot spots that can be checked out similar to Nooks.
3. Ms. Brown noted that during the circulation/reference desks installation in January adults will be able to read in the children's room.
4. Ms. Kelley moved to accept the November 2019 minutes; second by Ms. Cosentino; unanimous in favor.
5. Ms. Brown noted that she will begin preparing the strategic plan in January, after the circulation/reference desks are installed. She will use the Greenburgh library as a model. Ms. Kelley and Mr. Most will assist Ms. Brown.
6. There was a discussion regarding overdue fines. The consensus was to leave the current policy as is. However, it was decided to eliminate usage charges for the computers.
7. Ms. Foster noted that the library financials look fine.
8. There were no committee reports.
9. Ms. Brown noted that she has been elected 2nd Vice President of the Library Director's Association.
10. Ms. Kelley discussed the upcoming census and the library's role, which will to be a source for assistance.
11. There was discussion regarding the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI). Ms. Foster, with the assistance of Pat Brigham, submitted a proposal on behalf of the library. Ms. Foster noted that the City would need to be "on board" with the concept of expanding into the plaza. It was noted that the next DRI public meeting is January 23 in the firehouse meeting room.
12. A motion was made by Ms. Foster to move into Executive Session at 8.00pm. Second by Ms. Kelley; unanimous in favor.
13. A motion was made by Mr. Most at 8.59pm to close the Executive Session. Second by Ms. Kelley; unanimous in favor.
14. A motion was made by Mr. Most at 9.00pm to adjourn. Second by Ms. Kelley; unanimous in favor.