

The Field Library, Peekskill, New York

Regular Meeting of the Board

Thursday, January 11, 2018, 7:00 pm

Present: Melinda Cosentino, Mary Foster (presiding over the meeting), David Hallerman, Tina Romeo, Karen Kelley, Joe Galella, Alan Most (taking notes), Jennifer Brown, Library Director

1. The meeting was called to order at 7.01pm.
2. KK moved to accept December minutes; JG seconded; unanimous in favor.
3. Discussion conducted regarding library funding from the Town of Cortlandt. The Board moved to an executive session to discuss. Due to concerns about the imbalance of the allocation of Cortlandt's library monies, the Board recommended an audit of the Cortlandt data upon which the library monies are allocated.
4. Discussion about the ongoing problems with the heating system. This year's problem was with the blower; last year the oil tank ran dry and the children's room was affected. A question arose as to whether there is preventive maintenance.
5. Discussion about the investment committee. The advisor who had been working with the Board will be contacted. MF, DH and KK will clarify direction of the investments.
6. Discussion about teen usage of computers.
7. Discussion about young adult (YA) program and its success. JB noted that Sarah became full time Teen Librarian in 2017. However, there is a space issue and their activities are "all over the place." JB indicated that given the program's growth, more staff will be needed for the programs in the future.
8. There was no Westchester Library System report.
9. Discussion about Friends of The Field Library. The first event is still being planned for winter 2018.
10. Discussion about use of social media to help promote the library and whether someone can take videos of special events.
11. Ann Douglas submitted a letter of interest about joining the Board.
12. MF recommended that the Board develop goals for JB, Library Director, for 2018. The Board moved to an executive session to discuss.
13. MF discussed the Golden Book Shelves initiative and their heavy usage. There was discussion about how the Library could use the Golden Book Shelves as a way to promote the Library.
14. Meeting adjourned at 8.45pm. Moved by DH; seconded by JG; unanimous in favor.