

Board of Trustee
Winthrop Public Library and Museum

Board meeting minutes for January 7, 2020

- Meeting called to ordered – 5:38pm
- Meeting attended by:
 - Ron Bergman, Betty Peabody, Gillian Teixeira, Denise V. LoConte, Nancy E. Giuffre
 - Director Diane Wallace
- Meeting Minutes – approval tabled
- New Business
 - Positions with Board
 - There are 4 – Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer
 - Treasurer is vacant –
 - Betty Peabody Nominated and accepted
 - Motion to accept Mrs. Peabody as new Treasurer made by Gillian Teixeira
 - Seconded by Nancy Giuffre
 - Vote unanimous
 - Money and documents were moved to Betty
 - Collection of dues (\$5) – all trustees in attendance paid
 - Other positions were explained to the new members of the Board
 - A chance for any member to change their position or take up a new position was opened to the Board.
 - No Trustees wanted to change their positions currently.
 - Motion to reconfirm current positions
 - Motion made by Gillian
 - Second by Nancy
 - Vote unanimous
 - Introduction of the new members of the Board
 - Talked about what a Trustee does
 - Spending
 - Building issues
 - Policy
 - Spoke about the programs the Library runs
- Chairperson’s report
 - none
- Directors report
 - Budget requests are in
 - Meeting with Town CFO
 - Asking for more staff, as usual
 - Not hopeful
- Old Business
 - Roof

- Still on hold
 - Winthrop Foundation
 - Waiting on application
 - o Circulation
 - Numbers are looking good
 - Auto renewal system is going great
 - o Funds
 - Explains all of the fund that fall under the Library to new Board members
 - O'Brien
 - McNiff
 - Athens
 - o Book donation
 - Anne Bromer is going to come to Winthrop Library with donation of books of poetry from a former resident.
 - She will be in the Library on January 13, 2020
 - o Programing
 - Voices from the Border – well attended
 - Chef is coming again
 - Doing a program on instant pot cooking
 - February
 - o Thief
 - Money was stolen from the Children's room
 - Looking into a surveillance system (cameras)
 - Changed the way money is handled
 - Now money is brought to Town Hall daily
 - Bought locking file cabinets
 - o Cat
 - There is a neighborhood cat that has been getting into the library.
 - The staff tries to remove him, he comes back
 - His owners come and get him, he comes back
 - Patrons are asked not to touch him and to leave him alone and don't let him in the building
- Date for next Meeting
 - o February 6, 2020 at 5:30pm
- Public comment
 - o none
- Meeting adjourned – 6:45pm