

MORRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 8, 2020

This meeting was held via Zoom.

Sally Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

PRESENT: Sally Irwin, Jennifer Whittlesey, Maureen Fitzpatrick, Bev Huntley and Library Director, Elena Granoth

VISITORS: Caroline Maselli and Diane Boisvert

CHAIRMAN PRO TEM: Bev nominated Maureen to be Chairman pro tem, Sally seconded and the motion passed. Maureen conducted the rest of the meeting.

MINUTES: Sally moved to approve November's minutes, Jennifer seconded and the motion passed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Sally moved to have Maureen as Chairman, Sally as Treasurer and Bev as Secretary. There was no second. Jennifer expressed a desire to be Secretary, a discussion ensued. Bev moved to nominate Jennifer as Secretary, Maureen seconded and motion passed. The Chairman and Treasurer weren't seconded or voted on. As a result, there will be a Zoom meeting on December 15th for the express purpose of electing the Chairman and Treasurer. (The 15th is a regularly scheduled meeting. Today's meeting was scheduled to alleviate Holiday conflicts.)

MEETING DATES for 2021: Library Board Meetings will be held the third Tuesday of the month. The time will be changed from 7:30pm to 7:pm at the request of members. Bev moved to change the time to 7pm, Sally seconded and the. Motion passed.

NEW MEMBERS: The Board welcomed new members Caroline Maselli and Diane Boisvert, pending approval of the Board of Selectman.

TREASURER'S REPORT; Sally presented the report, Jennifer moved to accept it, Bev seconded and the motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Elena gave her report. With the Town Hall and Library closed, the library has implemented curbside pick-up again, with extended hours. This has increased the work load on the staff significantly. Elena and her staff are to be commended for their dedication to excellence, their efficiency and upbeat attitude. The library also has many different virtual programs, e-books and movies available for patrons to access from their home computers. Bev moved to accept her report, Sally seconded and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Curbside pick up discussed during the Director's report.

OLD BUSINESS: Elena will check with the Connecticut State Library regarding getting copies of the CT Public Library Trustee Handbook. It can be accessed by computer but is quite voluminous and Elena will see about printing it at the Library, for those interested in it.

Bev moved that the meeting be adjourned, Sally seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm. The next meeting will be January 19th, 2021 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Huntley
Secretary