South New Berlin Free Library Meeting Minutes

 January 14, 2020

Present: George Clum, John Lorence, Tom Bryden, Tammy Osborne, Elaine Clum, Ann Mein, Marcia Hoag, Robin Avolio, Nancy Dibbell, Michelle Abrams

Public: Ian Oldham, Wendy Oldham, Lynn Macumber

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Diana Jaramillo, Architect from Kin Studio held a video conference with the Board concerning her Building Addition proposal. The Board asked questions and decided on next steps. Robin will contact the Planning Board in New Berlin to find out what documents they require and to get us on their schedule for Feb or March.

John Lorence made a motion to accept the architect’s proposal of $12,540 and to pay her a down payment of $4190. Tom Bryden 2nd the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Robin Avolio presented a bill for Preferred Mutual for Liability Insurance. George Clum made a motion to approve. Ann Mein 2nd the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

She also presented Roy Stockwell’s balance from electrical work. Tammy Osborne made a motion to approve. Elaine Clum 2nd the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Paul Rowe, Accountant asked for access to the Amazon Credit Line Corporate account so he could pay bills online. Tammy Osborne made a motion to approve. George Clum 2nd the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

The Water Bill has increased approximately $75 per bill due to billing changes.

Trustee elections for open positions was held via ballot. Robin Avolio counted the ballots. The Board voted as follows:

George Clum 7 votes Marcia Hoag 7 votes

Ann Mein 7 votes Tammy Osborne 7 votes

The Board accepted the unanimous votes. The names above now hole a Five-year term. Term expires in 1/2025.

Clarification from the audit: A check documented as Chenango Co caused some confusion at the audit. Further investigation revealed it was from Chenango County Council of the Arts grant for Bonnie Gayle workshops.

Donations to Building fund update: $2,882.00. It was suggested that the names of donors, not amounts, be posted on the Library website. The latest letter for businesses was agreed upon by the Building Committee and it is good to go.

John Lorence agreed to draft a Press Release to the media about our Capital Campaign. We will notify The Evening Sun, The Daily Star and AllOtsego.

Information was secured via an email and phone call from Thomas Collier, Dept of Labor Senior Public Work Wage Investigator that verifies the Association Library at South New Berlin does not have to follow Prevailing Wages concerning the construction of the Addition.

A new date of Feb 22, 2020 was chosen for the Spaghetti Dinner 4-7pm. It was agreed to make the cost be Free Will Donation.

Robin Avolio will call the school to see if any organizations have Community Service requirements and if they might like to help us at the dinner.

Various board members agreed to donate items to the dinner. A list of needed items and possible businesses to approach will be emailed.

The remaining Construction Grant funds is slated for trak lighting, the work on the cellar and the book drop.

Board members expressed their desire to have the new Thermometer sign moved from the window to the lawn by the apple tree. John Lorence agreed to take care of this. Robin suggested solar lights to enhance the public being able to see it. George Clum made a motion Tom Bryden 2nd the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

We used the voice recorder on Marcia’s iphone as a test to see how that would work to record the meeting. We decided to table buying a new recorder for the moment.

The Public was offered a time for comments. All declined.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Ann Mein, Secretary