

**Belmont Public Library
Trustee Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 14, 2019**

Present: Mary Charnley, Gail Thomas, Diana Johnson and Eileen Gilbert
(library director)
Called to Order: 4:33

Reports: Gail motioned to accept December minutes as amended; Mary seconded and it was passed unanimously. Mary motioned accept director's report Diana seconded; it passed. Gail motioned to accept the financial report; Mary seconded and it passed.

Old Business

Carpet Installation- carpet was installed and looks great. Gail and Mary asked about enlarging the mat that is in front of the desk and making sure it had grips on the bottom; maybe have a matching mat in the vestibule as well.

New Heating system- Stafford only sells oil so Eileen will talk to Rhymes. Jean Beaudin mentioned that the town had gotten help with fire and police department heating systems with the USDA rural development grant (state pool deadline has passed; it was in early December). The deadline for the federal pool is 4/19. Mary suggested we put in for the federal pool to see what we might get then again in December for state pool. Eileen will call Howland and Suburban. Diana wondered about the fuel consortium that Mr. Pike has talked about.

Budget approval from selectmen of our budget.

Brickwork- done by end of January or possibly tomorrow.

New Business

Grants/funding: Altrusa- spring; Sargent submitted in December; Eileen decided not to apply for the Kids, Books and the Arts grant this year to pay for funding for summer programming; most of the entertainers have performed in Belmont numerous times in the past few years and so they will look for other entertainers. Diana asked about the time limits on the applying for the lchip grant to tackle some of the projects mentioned in the architects report. Eileen believed that we could probably draw on report anytime in next 5 years. Another department in town is applying for it this year. The next cycle for the Mooseplate grant starts in the fall for 2020 for brickwork on north end. Eileen pointed out that if Joe Rhodes was to do the work we'd need firm timetable and estimate; Eileen will ask Norman for names of possible masons to do the work if Joe doesn't.

Additionally, the fourth disbursement of the library's budget came in two payments. The first check of \$9000 is the usual quarterly amount but was put it in savings account by mistake. A second check about \$6000 was deposited into the checking account. Mary made a motion to move half of the \$9000 into checking to use for operating costs. Eileen will ask Denise if the \$2200 that the town owes the library is included in that money.

Building Study- presented only on PD and town hall options; library not included though they know of great over-crowding; library is third building on the list.

Other Business

Gail mentioned that she'd met Dana Peters, a local author in Meredith. She has written 2 books. Gail mentioned that maybe we should have her over to library to present and sell copies of her book.

Adjourned 5:37

Next meeting: February 11th at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted by Diana Johnson