Wilton Public and Gregg Free Library Trustee Board Meeting Minutes October 19, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 8:12 a.m. Attending were Library Director Pat Fickett, trustees Nikki Andrews, Ron Brown, Helen Dalbeck, Alison Meltzer, Molly Shanklin (left at 9:30), Lynne Stone, Mary Ellen Brookes, and alternate trustees Felice Fullam and Gary Crooker.

#### **Minutes**

Amended September minutes approved (Molly, Nikki)

# **Treasurer's report** - approved (Lynne, Helen)

- 1. The work on the renovation of the children's rooms continues. Painting will be completed.
- 2. No restricted or unrestricted gifts were received during this period.

## **Director's report** - approved (Molly, Lynne)

- 1. Pat is looking to hire someone to handle snow removal.
- 2. Sixty-five people attended the first folk cafe.

## **Budget issues/questions**

Molly gave an overview of budget planning for 2019.

- 1. Prices for oil, water, and sewer have risen.
- 2. Town office numbers are not yet in.
- The presentation to the Budget Committee is scheduled for November 8 at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Facilities projects**

- 1. Mark Gauthier will give an estimate on the window.
- 2. Ron will contact Annie Kuster's office about the crosswalk and the safety issue involved.

#### Handling political issues

Our policy manual states, "No materials, leaflets, or posters which advocate the election of a candidate, political or otherwise, shall be displayed in the library." The library is an area that welcomes each individual no matter his or her political allegiance and, therefore, must practice political neutrality.

#### **Old business**

The Sullivan memorial tree is thriving. Felice will oversee procuring the memorial plaque.

### **New business**

- 1. Our holiday celebrations will be on Wednesday, December 12.
- 2. Pat encouraged us to take the Hoopla online survey.
- 3. Alison is working on the Festival of Trees.
- 4. Nikki and Felice reported on the area trustee meeting.

The meeting ended at 9:55 a.m. (Gary, Alison).

The next meeting of the trustees will be on Friday, November 16, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

Mary Ellen Brookes 10/19/18