MINOT SLEEPER LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

NOVEMBER 13, 2012

Present: Wendy Costigan, Glenn Dorr, Roger Nichols, Ann Fitzpatrick, Deborah Thouin, Archie Auger, Sharon Warga, Nathan Haselbauer, Lucille Keegan

Absent: Barbara Greenwood, George Corrette

Secretary’s report accepted as written.

Treasurer’s report: George is away and there was no report. Roger and George will meet to discuss how Roger is to cover for the treasurer in his absence.

Librarian’s report:

- Construction Story Time will be Friday, 11/16 @ 3 PM
- Sharon wants to organize an opening ceremony committee
- Friends Holidaze program is Saturday, 11/17 at 10.
- Cookie buffet 12/14-12/15
- Staff have attended workshops
- Evaluations will be done before Christmas
- Databases: NHDownloadable Books fee for 2013 will be $1000 up from $750
- Heritage Quest is no longer free- now costs $250/yr
- Ancestry Library Edition is up for renewal at $250/yr
- Grants: portraits are being restored by Linda Donovan
- Library will be closed on 11/22 and 11/23
- Closing at 2 PM on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve

New Business:

A discussion was held regarding user fees for non Bristol residents. Sharon presented information from other libraries in the area. Wendy reported that this idea had been brought up at the town budget committee meeting. Roger noted that many of our largest donations have been from patrons from surrounding towns. The consensus of the body present was that we do not wish to change our policy at this time.

The town budget committee has requested that the trustees present a list of assets. Wendy has put together a list. It was noted that these funds are not liquid and many are restricted for use. At the December meeting we will put together a package to present to the town budget committee.

Roger motioned to spend $3210 from the capital reserve for the washing of the old building. Archie seconded and motion passed.
Wendy motioned to spend $2354 from the capital reserve fund for painting the trim on the old building. Roger seconded and the motion passed.

Furniture:

Some adjustments need to be made on length of shelving.

Archie motioned that Tucker Library Interiors be chosen as the vendor for the library furnishings using prices listed on their quote with the total not to exceed $70,000. Wendy seconded and the motion carried.

Solar presentation:

Nathan and Lucille are members of the Bristol Energy Committee and brought Bill Dowey and Craig Cadieux from the Plymouth Area Region Energy Initiative to present a proposal to install solar panels on the new library addition. With the correct amount of panels the library could achieve a net zero amount of electricity and the payback for the project would be achieved in about 5 years. All trustees present were in agreement to go ahead with this project using funds from the capital reserve account. Bill will volunteer his time to lead us through the process. Funds are available from the PUC to offset some of the cost. Bill will volunteer his time to lead us through the process and project. Thank you to Bill and Craig.

Building meeting:

- Meetings are held weekly on Wednesday afternoon at 2:14 at the library.

Fundraising:

- Bricks will be ordered soon.

Next meeting is December 10 at 4 PM

Lucille Keegan