

MINOT SLEEPER LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING

NOVEMBER 15, 2011

Members present: Wendy Costigan, Ann Fitzpatrick, George Correttee, Nancy Gavalis, Barbara Greenwood, Nathan Haselbauer, Lucille Keegan. Sharon Warga, librarian

Members absent: Glenn Dorr, Karen Schaffner

1. Secretary's minutes for October 11, 2011 were approved.
2. Treasurer's report: checkbook balance: \$3000, investment pool: \$69000, stock portfolio: \$121,000.
3. Librarian's report: Sharon is working on three grants. The Franklin Savings Bank Community Advancement and a grant through the NH Electric Cooperative. These two grants are for money for the new construction. She is also applying for a Granite State Reads grant that would be used for the preschool reading programs. The cookie buffet will be held on Dec. 9th and 10th at the Masonic Hall. There will be a story time and ornament making for children on Dec. 15 at 3 PM. The Friends of the Library have purchased an easel to be used for storytime and lapsit time. Cat White and Sharon have written some press releases for the library. We should send out a press release for the \$500 donation from the FSB. Sharon will take care of this and also ask about setting up a display in the Lake Street lobby. Barbara Greenwood made a motion to renew the subscription to Ancestry.com for 1 year. Wendy seconded the motion and the vote was in the affirmative. Sharon will attend a Library Management workshop in Hanover on Nov. 29. She is finishing the staff evaluations. Wendy mentioned the potential for a USDA grant for furniture.
4. Correspondence: An invoice from Brackley Shaw has been paid.
5. Old Business: The contractor for the bathroom renovation did not show up as scheduled. He has not answered phone calls or responded to a certified letter. Sharon will talk to Michael Capone as to what direction to take now. The contractor was given \$1000 for the purchase of materials. This money came from town funds. It was suggested that at this point maybe we

can hold off on the renovations until the vote on the project in March and we may not need to do the work.

The deed for the land donated by George Carr has been transferred and recorded. A thank you will be sent to George Carr and to Dorcas Gordon for doing the legal work at no charge.

A discussion followed in regards to the price to advertise the property for sale. It was decided to set the price at the assessed value of \$85,000. Wendy will talk to Don Martin about the commission fee. The question was asked about who will pay the real estate taxes. More information is being collected on this matter.

6. Michael Capone expressed his concern on a few items in the proposed contract with Jim Nyberg. These will be discussed with Jim at the building meeting on Nov.29th.

George Corrette met with Pat Fields at the TD Bank and learned of a program called the Afinity Program which may be a way for us to earn more funds. The TTCC is currently involved in this program and we do not wish to interfere in their efforts in any way so George will talk to Less Dion about it.

7. Building Committee: no updates at this time
8. Fundraising Committee: A discussion was held in regards to the amount we should be showing on the sign board in front of the library. Nathan had done some research that indicated it would be okay to include money that has been pledged. Nathan will paint the sign to show that the fundraising has reached \$160,000.
9. The next building meeting will be Nov. 29 at 4 PM.

