

MINOT SLEEPER LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING

JANUARY 14, 2013

Trustees present: Wendy Costigan, Barbara Greenwood, Annie Fitzpatrick, Archie Auger, George Corrette, Roger Nichols, Nathan Haselbauer, Lucille Keegan.

Also present: Sharon Warga, Deborah Thouin and Nancy Gavalis

1. Secretary's Report accepted.

2. Treasurer's Report:

- Checkbook \$68,204.75
- Investment Portfolio \$34,097.04
- Stock Portfolio \$83,126.16
- Capital Fund \$115,238.22
- Capital Reserve \$11,304.00

Sharon is submitting the paperwork to the Trustees of the Trust funds to close out the capital reserve fund. The funds will go to the town.

3. Librarians Report

Sharon passed out her written report covering programming, staff, new library, and odds and ends. A new library page has been hired-Sharleigh Thompson. It was decided that the library will be closed to the public 2/11-2/18 while the librarians set up for opening. Move in will be 2/9-2/10 and volunteers will be helping out.

4. Correspondence: Thank you notes were passed around for reading.

5. Old Business

- Sharon will be ordering the plaques soon. The one for the outside will have to be a different material.
- Archie brought 2 slate tiles that have pictures of the library. He did not have a price for having these produced. He noted that some tiles are at NMMS and NRHS for students to paint. These slates will be sold as a fund raiser.
- Solar project: Archie made a motion to proceed with the installation of enough solar panels to reach net zero. Annie seconded and the motion was approved. Lucille will contact Bill Dowey. The question came up if there would be any financial commitment if we made the application and for some reason did not do the project. It was noted that

this installation is an effort by the trustees to be good stewards of the library and to reduce the taxpayers burden.

- By-laws: Archie has done research about specific by-laws that he feels should be in effect for the MSL Trustees. He found that RSA 202-A:4c and D were adopted by the town in 1992. He suggested we should ask to have RSA 202-A:11-b “Shall we permit the public library to retain all money it receives from its income-generating equipment to be used for general repairs and upgrading and for the purchase of books, supplies and income generating equipment” to be placed on the warrant. Roger moved to submit this as a warrant article and Archie seconded. Motion approved.

6. New business:

- The Garden Club has requested \$7,800 for labor and plants. There are two trees in the garden that need to be removed and they had a question about how this might affect the shoreline permit. Wendy spoke with M. Capone and it concluded that this will have no affect on the permit.
- Three trustee terms expire this year.
- Archie noted that at the town meeting in 1997 an article was passed to reduce the number of trustees to 7. In 2007 it appears that it went back up to 9 but there was no article passed for this. Barbara noted that in 1997 they could not get 9 people to fill the positions but when the addition looked like it would be a reality more people were willing to run. Archie made a motion to have 9 trustees and Roger seconded. Motion was approved.

7. Roger suggested that the trustees should consider an annual fundraising letter. Barbara suggested that May would be a good time so as not to coincide with the TTCC Annual Appeal. It was decided that this would be a good idea for next year.

The meeting was adjourned to reconvene in Non Public session RSA: 91-A:3 II(a)

Next meeting: February 11 at 4 PM