

Pomfret Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes 1/8/19, 7PM Pomfret Library
In attendance: Ginger Lusa, Liz Cartier, Laurie Bell, David Ring, Cristine Kalafus, Sally Rogers
Anne Hennen, Ann Hinchman

Acceptance of Minutes of November 13, 2018 meeting.

Minutes were read and amended. LC Move to accept; AHi seconded. Accepted as amended

Treasurer's Report

At halfway through the year, we are at 52.19%

LC moved to accept report, AHi second, accepted.

Librarian's Report

- Upcoming: Pomfret Poetry night- Jan. 15 @ Old Town House
- PomCon: Comics conference, Feb. 2 (Take your child to the library Day). We can use Congregational lot for overflow parking.
- Nick is working on getting more art exhibits going.
- Code Clubs (Computer coding for kids.) Bought 2 more computers; we now have 8 HP Streams (like a Chrome book).
- Historical Soc. is moving items into the basement. May need a bigger de-humidifier, and attach it to the old drain in the floor.

Friends of the Library

No report

Exploratory Building Committee

None. Bd. Of Trustees members were sent thank you notes, and told we secured the State of CT grant. This committee is now done with their work.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on property acquisition

Two new cross walks with bright flashing, solar powered lights. Lines repainted.
Floor plan of addition was sent to Brenda Bullied to share with Pomfret School's Bd. of Trustees. They have a meeting on Feb. 22-23 and we hope they will move forward with the land gift where the addition would be built.

Update on grant

We were awarded \$481,000 (50% of the projected costs) by the State of CT. We have 3 years to do the fund-raising and 1-1/2 yrs. to begin construction.

Update on sewer line

Maureen is looking into engineered septic for the library vs. tying in to the sewer line.

Update on the parking lot

Hope to get to the parking lot soon if the weather holds.

NEW BUSINESS

Next steps in building expansion

We will set the charge for the committee. Then the actual committee will deal with the details of the fundraising, including whether or not to hire a fundraiser.

Exploratory Phase of Fundraising Committee

Christine, Ann Hi, Sally, Laurie, Ginger are interested. We should ask Nancy Weiss and Elaine Nelson and Walt Hinchman.

For the exploratory phase, their initial charge would be to explore all aspects of fundraising, including whether or not to hire a fundraiser. They need to figure out how to raise seed money for renderings, etc.

Next step: Appointing the follow-up fundraising committee for building expansion.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

- Finance Committee: Laurie, Liz and Ginger
- Building and Grounds: Sylvia and Liz
- Ad Hoc committees as needed

Fiber Internet and CEN

State Library is encouraging schools and libraries to convert to CT Educational Network (Fiber optic line). Charter cable line will be replaced by the Fiber Internet. Price for annual maintenance has dropped from \$3600 to \$300 per year! Bandwidth is \$125/mo. We can apply for a Federal subsidy which cuts cost by half. Currently we pay \$740/yr. for cable. Fiber will be \$900, same bandwidth. Can increase bandwidth later if we find we need it. Total would be \$900/yr.

SR Move to change internet service from cable to Fiber. LC seconded. Approved.

2019 Budget

Need to submit it to the First selectman. Finance committee will prepare the FY2020 budget, we'll meet on Wed. Jan. 16 at 5:30PM to approve. (Special Meeting)

Ginger will record the new officers and meeting dates at the town hall
Liz will add the meeting dates to The Pomfret Times calendar.

SR Moves to Adjourn; DR seconded. Adjourned at 8:50PM

2019 Meeting Dates:

March 12, 2019, 7PM at the library

May 14, 2019 7PM at the library
June 11, 2019, 7PM at the library
September 10, 2019 7PM at the library
November 12, 2019 Location TBA, 7PM

Respectfully Submitted by Sally Rogers, Secretary