

Alice M. Ward Memorial Library Board of Trustees
Minutes
December 5, 2016

I. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Sue.

II. Attendees

Susan Gosselin, Sharon Belleville, Katie Sawicki, Denise Carrier, Nancy Renaudette, Nancy Petro and Craig Varley

III. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Sue made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Katie seconded. All approved.

IV. Additions/Deletions to Agenda

No additions or deletions

V. Building Maintenance/Concerns

-Progress of current work

Brian Dorman and Claude Houle have completed the excavation, foundation and drainage work.

Chris Mailloux has not yet replaced the front porch and patrons must still use the side door as a means of entry. Sharon will call Chris for an estimate on when he can get something done out front as we currently have no handicapped access.

Lisa Ryan advised that the side door into the storage area that is not used should not be removed and replaced by clapboards. Even though it is not used it provides evidence of historical use of the building.

Jan Lewendowski came to look at the rotted pillar. He can restore the pillar for a cost of \$2000. He has taken the pillar with him to work on.

Craig requested an estimate from Jan on completing the remaining on the porches and clapboard repairs as a possible back up.

VI. Budget Review

Budget reviewed and some updates added. At the next meeting we will have the final numbers for 2017 and will be able to essentially complete the 2017 budget. We will then schedule time with the town clerk to finalize details.

VII. Policy/Bylaw Review

None at this time- will resume after budget is complete.

VIII. Library Activity

See librarian's report

IX. Ongoing/Future Goals

Discussion was held about considering the purchase of a VR camera. It would be useful for a variety of projects including a local documentary, promoting tourism, school projects, etc. This would be a good small grant project for the library to undertake.

Craig brought up the idea of looking at the carriage house again in the future (post renovations/repairs) for alternate uses. He recently visited an indoor playground with his family and thought we might look at the possibility of an indoor activity center for kids. Currently, aside from the pool, there are no local options for families to go with kids to be active when the weather is not conducive to outdoor play time. The trustees agreed that this was something we lack in our communities, for all ages. Katie and Sue thought it would be an idea to share with the Heart and Soul group as well. The carriage house has a lot of potential space and we will look at it closely after current projects are completed.

X. Other Business

None

XI. Adjournment

Sue made a motion to adjourn at 6:30pm. Seconded by Sharon- all approved.

Next Meeting: 01/09/2017 at 5:30pm