

Mooers Free Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, December 17, 2015
Champlain Memorial Library, 148 Elm Street, Champlain, NY

AGENDA:

- I. Call to order and roll call of members
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Adoption of Agenda
- IV. Old Business:
 - a. Appointment of three new trustees – Gonyo, Menard, Roberts
 - b. Resignation by letter of current trustees
- V. New Business:
 - a. Accept resignation of Morelock, Frey, Frey
 - b. Appointment of additional trustees
- VI. Period for Public Expression – 10 minutes
- VII. Dates of future board meetings
- VIII. Other Business
- IX. Adjournment

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The board of the Mooers Free Library met on Thursday, December 17, 2015 at the Champlain Memorial Library, 148 Elm Street, Champlain, NY.

Board Members Present: Edith Morelock, Karen Frye, Walter, Frye

Board Members Absent: Bernadine Buddington, Eugene Bushey

Guests Present: Tim Gonyo, Joyce Roberts, Arthur Menard, Ewa Jankowska, Director, CEFLS, Julie Wever, CEFLS, Don Perras, Sarah Boulerice, Koreena Van Nortwick, Nathan Van Nortwick, Anastacia Shuknecht

Edith Morelock called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Morelock asked for a roll call of board members. A quorum of current board members (Morelock, Frye, Frye) was present. Mrs. Morelock welcomed prospective board members and requested guests present to introduce themselves.

Mrs. Morelock led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a motion to adopt the meeting agenda (attached).

Karen Frey (Walter Frey) moved to adopt the agenda after discussion of item IV. Carried unanimously.

Appointment of New Board Members:

Mrs. Morelock explained that according to the New York State Library, Division of Library Development, a quorum of the current board (three members) is required to appoint a quorum of a new board (three new members). Mrs. Morelock asked for a motion to appoint Mr. Timothy Gonyo, Mr. Arthur Menard, and Mrs. Joyce Roberts as a slate of candidates required for a quorum. Karen Frye (Walter Frye) moved to approve all three persons as nominated. Carried unanimously. Mrs. Morelock welcomed new members on behalf of the board.

Resignation of Current Board Members:

Once a quorum of a new board was appointed, Mrs. Morelock, Mr. Frye and Mrs. Frye formally tendered their written resignations to Acting President Gonyo. The board also discussed the procedure for accepting the resignations of Eugene Bushey and Bernie Buddington. These additional members were not present at this meeting, however they had previously tendered resignations that had not been acted upon. Arthur Menard (Joyce Richards) moved to accept the resignations with regret. Carried unanimously.

Appointment of Two New Board Members:

Acting President Timothy Gonyo thanked the previous board members for their service to the library and the community and made a brief statement about his vision for the new board. This includes working closely and collaboratively with the Town of Mooers and the Library Director, as well as working positively with the media. He stated that one of the first actions of the new board would be to pay the director and substitutes. He then called for the nomination of two additional board members.

Joyce Roberts (Arthur Menard) made the motion to appoint Mary Myatt to the board. Carried unanimously.

Art Menard (Joyce Roberts) made a motion to appoint Patricia Godreau to the board. Carried unanimously.

Appointment of Officers:

President: Acting President Gonyo called for nominations for the position of President. Arthur Menard (Joyce Roberts) moved to nominate Timothy Gonyo President. There were no other nominations. Mr. Gonyo called a second time for nominations for President. There were no other nominations. Mr. Gonyo called a third time for nominations for President. There being no other nominations, he called for a vote on the position of President. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer: President Gonyo asked for nominations for the office of Treasurer. Mrs. Roberts (Mr. Gonyo) made the motion to nominate Arthur Menard as Treasurer. There were no other nominations. Mr. Gonyo called a second time for nominations for Treasurer. There were no other nominations. Mr. Gonyo called a third time for nominations for Treasurer. There being no other nominations, he called for a vote on the position of Treasurer. Carried unanimously.

Secretary: President Gonyo called for nominations for the office of Secretary. Art Menard (Tim Gonyo) made the motion to nominate Joyce Roberts as Secretary. There were no other nominations. Mr. Gonyo called a second time for nominations for Secretary. There were no other nominations. Mr. Gonyo called a third time for nominations for Secretary. There being no other nominations, he called a third time for a vote on the position of Secretary. Carried unanimously.

Public Expression Period:

President Gonyo introduced a 10 minute public discussion period during which the board would here comments from those present. Mrs. Boulerice thanked the Board and library staff for providing a “great community library” and stated that she and her children enjoyed many services, including the Summer Reading Program.

Koreena VanNortwick asked if the work session mentioned to approve bills before the end of the year would be a legal meeting. President Gonyo reiterated that it would be the board’s priority to pay the library director and substitute staff before the end of the year and that he and Mr. Menard would be doing all they can to get the books changed over. The board will work to make financial stability a priority early in the New Year.

Arthur Menard stated that the State Library has requested a review of the Mooers Library books by the CEFLS Library System. Mr. Menard will be working with Michael Spofford, Finance Manager at the System to examine the books and establish appropriate controls after the holidays.

President Gonyo thanked the CEFLS for their guidance during the past months. He also thanked the hostess for this meeting, Champlain Library Director Alison Mandeville.

Dates of Future Board Meetings:

The board discussed the possibility and advisability of meeting in mid-January to address unfinished business. The two newly appointed members who were not present will be consulted about their availability. Discussion followed, with input from CEFLS Director Ewa Jankowska, about requirements for legal advertisement of meetings.

President Gonyo reiterated earlier statements concerning an upcoming work session during which he and newly appointed treasurer, Arthur Menard would change the library accounts over to their names as co-signatories on all library accounts with the goal of paying the library director and staff as soon as possible.

Adjournment:

President Gonyo asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joyce Roberts (Arthur Menard) moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Wever
Outreach Coordinator, CEFLS
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