

RUSH PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2016

PRESENT, T. Shearn; J. Lederman, B. Herman; C. Raymond; L. Laskowski, (Treasurer); H. Iannone (Friends); K. Flass (Director); R. McCarthy (Town Board)

EXCUSED: K. Pruden; K. Kirk; K. Stevens

APPROVAL OF July 12, 2016 MINUTES: On a motion by J. Lederman to approve the minutes and seconded by C.Raymond, motion was carried and minutes approved.

NEW BUSINESS: Our new board members, Becky Herman and Cindy Raymond, were introduced and welcomed. They had joined the board during an emergency meeting on September 19, 2016.

Discussion was had regarding an audit of the Rush Library Board treasurer's books. T. Shearn explained to the new members that it had been discovered that the former treasurer had not filed several reports required by New York State, nor paid sales tax on the sale of used books and materials, resulting in compounded interest and fines due. There was discussion of hiring a Certified Public Accountant to audit the Board funds, in light of this problem. On a motion by J. Lederman to look into hiring a CPA to audit board funds and seconded by B. Herman, motion was carried. H. Iannone and C. Raymond agreed to follow up on the task of locating a CPA.

In the meantime, L. Laskowski agreed to try to get information and materials from the former treasurer, who had been difficult to contact. R. McCarthy agreed to ask the town attorney to draft a letter to the former treasurer, if the materials and information are not provided.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Discussion was had about communication and other difficulties with the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance. T. Shearn agreed to contact the office of Senator Richard Funke to request help in problems in dealing with the state tax agent. It was decided that a new treasurer will be officially appointed after the audit is completed.

FRIEND'S REPORT: Discussion was had as to whether the Friends should pursue fund-raising activities. A Friends meeting is to be scheduled. A card was requested on behalf of the Board to be sent to long-time sponsors Exit 11 Auto, regarding the death of one of the owners in a vehicle accident.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion was had regarding the final draft of the long range plan.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: K. Flass reviewed her report submitted to the Board. Circulation, door count, and reserves are up. Vouchers #115 through #124 were reviewed.

An update was given with regard to the J. Williams situation. A guilty plea is possible, but the process is lengthy.

Discussion was had with regard to decision by the Henrietta Library to eliminate hold fees as of August, 2016. J. Lederman proposed that Rush hold fees be eliminated also; after discussion, B. Herman asked to table the proposal; this was approved by B. Herman, C. Raymond and T. Shearn, with J. Lederman dissenting.

TOWN BOARD LIAISON REPORT: R. McCarthy advised the Board that new zoning recommendations are on hold for further review, and that issues of a drive-through restaurant and the future of the corner house are under discussion by the Town Board.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion by J. Lederman and seconded by B. Herman, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Lederman, Acting Board Secretary

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