

RUSH PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2017

PRESENT: K. Kirk, B. Herman, K. Pruden, C. Raymond, J. Lederman, H. Carter, L. Laskowski, K. Flass (Director), R. McCarthy (Town Board)

ABSENT: T. Shearn

APPROVAL OF November 21, 2017 MINUTES: Motion by J. Lederman and seconded by B. Herman to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

NEXT MEETING: January 16, 2018

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board welcomed new Trustee member, Hal Carter. B. Herman took the oath for the position of trustee. H. Carter was advised to take his oath with the Town Clerk within the next 30 days.

TREASURER'S REPORT: L. Laskowski reviewed the Bank Accounts Register. Motion made by B. Herman and seconded by K. Pruden to approve the Banks Accounts Register. Motion passed. Motion made by K. Pruden and seconded by C. Raymond to approve checks #1132-1134. Motion passed.

FRIEND'S REPORT: No report given as K. Flass has been unable to communicate with H. Iannone via phone or email. Discussion was had with regard to direction of Friends group.

DIRECTORS' REPORT: K. Flass reviewed her report submitted to the Board. Circulation was up 4% for the month of November. Door count was up 11 percent. Overdrive was down 11%. Monthly income from Book Nook was good for month of November..

Vouchers #162-171 totaling \$2,090.08 were approved by motion made by B. Herman and seconded by J. Lederman. Motion passed.

K. Flass reviewed the Library's budget to date.

K. Flass discussed that the Library may be eligible for an upgrade of its fiber network if it is necessary.. MCLS is hiring a consultant to work with the libraries to test speed. If speed has degraded, there is a possibility the Library will be eligible for an E-Rate discount. The Board discussed that it may contribute the funds necessary to cover the discounted cost of the upgrade depending on the actual cost if the MCLS consultant establishes that there is a speed issue in the Library.

K. Flass advised the Board that MCLS had negotiated a group rate for the subscriptions of the Democrat and Chronicle and USA Today which resulted in a savings to the Library. K. Flass is following up with the Democrat and Chronicle with regard to any credit the Library may be due as a result of the lowered group rate.

K. Flass will be out due to hand surgery for approximately 2-3 weeks commencing on January 30, 2018. Discussion was had with regard to backup K. Flass has in place.

TOWN BOARD LIAISON REPORT: New Town Justice is Michael Tallon, Esq. Discussion was also had with regard to the Bicentennial Celebration.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion by K. Pruden and seconded by J. Lederman to adjourn the meeting. Motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Pruden, Board Secretary

Rush Public Library, a community resource for over 100 years.