

North Branford Library Board
Special Meeting of November 11, 2015
Edward Smith Library, 7:30 pm

Present: Carol Davidson, Chair Absent: None
 Joan Candelora
 Virginia Fallon
 Theresa Frandsen
 Robert Hull, Library Director

1. Minutes of previous meetings

MOTION: T. Frandsen moved, V. Fallon seconded: That the minutes of the October 14, 2015 meeting be approved as written.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous

2. Library Board report

C. Davidson, along with R. Hull, reported on the upcoming interviews with candidates to fill the open full-time Librarian position. The person hired will be performing cataloging and technical services duties, as well as working on the public desk. There are over 40 applicants, all with library experience and at least half with professional library degrees. Six will be interviewed.

3. Library Director report

R. Hull reported on a Friends of the Library “mini book sale”, and plans for future sales.

In the past, the Board had decided against selling candy as a fund-raiser, and at this meeting Board and Director discussed selling more healthy snacks such as granola bars. At a future meeting, R. Hull will bring more information.

Board and Director discussed the library’s position regarding fundraising by organizations in the library. They agreed to maintain the policy that the libraries may not be used for fundraising. The exception to this, continuing current practice, is that local nonprofit civic groups may get the Director’s approval to raise funds by having their own people set up a table in the Community Room, the foyer, or outside. An example we have seen is Girl Scouts selling cookies.

4. Maker Spaces in libraries

Maker Spaces, as seen in public and school libraries today, usually consist of an area of the library dedicated to technology that people can use to make decorative or useful objects, or perform other tasks. The emphasis is on technology that most people would not possess on their own: 3-D printers, electronic sewing machines, robotics kits, cutting machines, etc. R. Hull handed out materials from two libraries with two very different maker spaces. We have gift funds that could be dedicated to a project like this. The subject will be placed on future agendas.

5. Meetings in Seminar Rooms

Board policy is that private or business use of Community Rooms costs \$25 per hour, and such use of the small Seminar Rooms is \$10 per hour. The exception is that tutoring for North Branford students is always free. The Board and Director

discussed how it is difficult to tell exactly what an individual is using the Seminar Room for.

6. Adjournment

MOTION: T. Frandsen moved, J. Candelora seconded: that the meeting be adjourned.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous