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North Branford Library Board

Regular Meeting
April 19, 2017
7:30 pm
Atwater Library

Present: Debra Falvey, Vice Chairman
Joan Candelora
Virginia Fallon
Theresa Frandsen

Also Present: Library Director Robert Hull

1. Minutes of previous meetings

MOTION: Member Frandsen moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting, seconded by Member Fallon. With all in favor, motion passed.

2. Library Board report

Vice-Chair Falvey reported on the following:

■ A suggestion that the Libraries consider joining the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce.

Members discussed benefits to join, such as having a presence.

■ Information on fundraising ideas she viewed at the Blackstone Library. She distributed samples of both a sticker and a photo magnet which are sold to patrons.

■ An idea from the West Haven Library showcasing Town dignitaries in photographs promoting reading and the library.

■ Work on the spelling bee is moving forward, which will be held on the Sunday at the POCO Fest.

■ Bookmarks promoting National Library Week

3. Library Director Report

Library Director Robert Hull reported on the following:

- The All School Art Show will be held at Atwater during the month of May
- Notification that the library received delivery of 2, 3-D printers
- Work for the Summer reading program has begun with for June with a building theme, which will tie into Maker Space theme.

4. Library road signs

Members discussed the recent correspondence with the State regarding design and time frame for approval of the road signs.

5. Library budget for 2017-18

Library Director Robert Hull overviewed the recently approved budget stating the Council removed Town department pay increases. Mr. Hull also explained some of the constraints facing the Town due to State budgetary. There was discussion on potential union negotiations and the Board of Education budget.

6. Library policies: review and revision

Will be discussed at a future meeting.

7. Heritage Quest and other internet resources

Library Director Robert Hull reported on Heritage Quest stating it is available to patrons through the State Library.

Vice-Chair Falvey suggested ways to inform patrons that these valuable programs are available.

Mr. Hull informed members he has begun researching Conn Academy and will continue looking into it.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: Member Frandsen moved to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. seconded by Member Fallon. With all in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Caruso
Library Board Secretary

