

March 22, 2017

Brewster Public Library Board of Trustees meeting

Attending: Peter Carey, John Dever, Rob Gosselink, Karen DeSantis, Michael Conn, John Blaser, Lynn Marrison, Gina Loprinzo

* Christine Newton, President of the Friends of Brewster Library, attended the meeting to share the issues the group faces including the need for new leadership and more working members. Disbanding may be the only solution. Funds will be allocated for museum passes for 2018. Amazon book sales remain the primary source of income. Appreciation for the Friends was expressed.

* The 2/22/17 minutes were reviewed and accepted, Peter motioned, John D. seconded.

* A discussion of the format of the financial officer's report followed. Peter motioned that the report should reflect greater transparency in regards to detailed expenditures. Rob seconded, and all were in favor.

* Gina reported that she is looking to coordinate with Putnam County libraries to reduce fees and compatibility issues with our new computers. The new online calendar starts 3/23/17. Behavior issues remain with unattended children between the ages of 10-16. Gina will contact parents as necessary as per the policy.

* Michael motioned to amend the bylaws substituting " Financial Officer" rather than "Treasurer"; the Financial Officer shall be appointed by the board. John B. seconded and all were in favor.

* Terry Bergendorff Collins is moving forward with the necessary surveying work.

* A timeline was discussed, as suggested by the architect, for construction start in Sept.

* Peter will meet with Empire Fence Co. about a new gate which can be locked.

* Karen motioned to adjourn at 6:10 P.M., Rob seconded.