

November 15, 2017

Brewster Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

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

- * No public comment
- * After a review of the Financial Summary, Michael moved to accept the monthly report, Rob seconded, and all were in favor.
- * Peter moved to accept the 10/25/17 minutes, John D. followed and all accepted.
- * Gina reported on a current practice discussed at the NYLA conference she attended, amnesty/elimination of book of fines. After discussion, the board chose to reconsider this idea as a goodwill option for the community after construction. Of the our 5889 patrons, 2,400 owe an unpaid fine.
- * Gina reported a positive public reaction from patrons after the bond approval on Election Day. The board heartily expressed its appreciation for Gina's guidance and leadership going through the ballot process. We will need to share a timeline of the construction process with our patrons moving forward.
- * After examining 7 bids ranging from \$492.5 K- \$702K, the Ranneklev Brothers Construction Co. was selected. Peter moved to approve a letter of intent re: construction contract upon recommendation of architect, John seconded, and all were in favor.
- * Without a revival of interest in our Friends group by March, the loss of their 5013C status will occur. A group of officers is needed. The current Friends officers ending their terms have been very much appreciated!
- * The 2018 budget was discussed. It reflects the minimum wage increase for the clerks. John D. moved to approve the budget with salary changes discussed for the director and other full time staff. It was noted that the director's job description is expanding since the construction process was set in motion. Michael seconded, and all were in favor.
- * Gina will ask the auditor to attend the January meeting for discussion.
- * Peter will be sharing his views as a trustee on the library in a Comcast interview soon.
- * Gina noted a bequest from Mildred Baker, born in Brewster in 1916 and passed in May, 2016.
- * At 6:32 Peter motioned to adjourn, John seconded, all in favor. An executive session followed.