

Woman's Round Lake Improvement Society

Minutes of January 19, 2017 Membership Meeting

Attendance:

Deb Albrecht, Jonathan Albrecht, Cindy Sabia, Peter Sheridan, Nancy Theissen, Gary Putman, Jane Pearson Curtis, Maggie McDonough, Diane Marchand, Tom Bergin, Amy Leach, Eric Leach, Stephen Sabella, Danielle Rigney, Lydia Hoffman, Samantha Snyder, Aaron Morris, Kim Sheridan-Dugmore, Jean Sweet, Paul Block, Courtney Max, Ken Rawley, Mue Ziegler, Tina Alviar, Linda Connors

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Deb Albrecht at 7:00pm.

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of December 15, 2016 by Peter Sheridan, seconded by Diane Marchand, and approved with 0 abstentions.

Correspondence: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Bergin gave his Balance Sheet, December 2016, which also included WRLIS Year-to-Date Summary through December 1-31, 2016; Proposed WRLIS Budget 2017; and WRLIS Summary of Accounts through 6/30/2016. (Reports attached)
End of year report 12/31/15 to 12/31/16 reflects that funds grew by \$100,000, which is a 6% increase. Overall the fund is doing very well; closed the month with \$22,500; Tom Bergin paid Nancy Theissen \$15,000 at the end of the month; have \$7,500 - \$2,300 remains in the library study.

Committee Reports:

Trustees: Nancy Theissen presented the January 2017 Trustees Report. (Report attached)

- The library received two donations of \$500 each – one anonymous and the other from the Oliver B. Merlyn Foundation.
- Paul Lavin and Barbara Hartman spent many hours creating a Lego Robotics Program. A grant was approved by the Town of Malta Global Foundries Foundation. The library has received \$3,500 to help implement the program.
- Received new chairs for the circulation desk and the desk in the staff workroom.
- New door counters being installed in both locations.

- Resolution was passed to reappoint Stephen Ames, associate trustee, until December 31, 2019; one associate trustee vacancy left to be filled.

Nancy also submitted the January 2017 RL Library Board of Trustees Annual Report reflecting a list of accomplishments for 2016 calendar year. Biggest accomplishment was the successful 414 campaign to increase funding for the library. (Report attached)

- *Discussion: The new book drop arrived today and now needs to be installed. It appears that nobody wants the old mailbox. A salvage company would only pay \$35 if it weighed 500 pounds. Nancy reiterated that nobody came forward to claim it. Danielle Rigney said that her husband Scott would take it. Pete Marchione and Scott will be installing the new book drop on the old pad.*
- *Jonathan Albrecht asked about the status of the Library Study. The committee has heard back from Paul Mays with his fee to look into an addition and approximate cost/sq.ft. for renovations/updating the existing Clark House as well as cost/sq.ft. of an addition. The committee needs to determine square footage in order to report to WRLIS at the February meeting.*

Financial Officer: Nancy Theissen presented Alyse Peterson's Annual Financial Officer Report for calendar Year 2016. (Report attached)

Grounds: Dick Theissen salted the walkways and wants to thank Scott Rigney for bringing up the salt bags from the basement.

Buildings: No report.

Publicity: No report.

Improvements: Diane Marchand said that the Christmas trees have been taken down.

Nominations: No report.

Membership: No report.

Historical: No report.

Programs: No report.

New Business: No report.

Old Business:

- **Markets of Round Lake (MRL):** Kim Sheridan-Dugmore spoke and mentioned she is waiting for a signed contract with the Village so that she can proceed to sign potential vendors. Kim asked that we spread the word to any interested participants in MRL.
- **Cookie Smack Down:** Lydia Hoffman will once again chair the cookie smack down. She asked for members to make up a committee of four (several members volunteered).
- **Soup, Salad and History:** Lydia is also putting together the second half of her presentation of the Davis-Ferris Pipe Organ, which has now been declared a National Historic Landmark.

New Business:

- **2017 Proposed WRLIS Budget:** Deb Albrecht asked if there were any questions before the budget was adopted. There were none and Nancy Theissen made a motion to approve it, Jonathan Albrecht seconded it, approved with one abstention.
- **Negotiations with the Village:** Jonathan Albrecht presented his summary of the initial contract proposals from the Village and WRLIS. (Summary attached)

Tom Bergin responded to Jonathan's summary about the Village Board's decision to uphold the MRL contract that was in place in 2009 with the Village due to the urgency of MRL to secure vendors, etc. The contract will be in force for a year pending the signing of a new contract. Negotiations for a new contract that will be beneficial both for the Village and WRLIS will be addressed. Discussions pursued with the membership. Jonathan Albrecht made a motion that the membership accepts the contract as stated. A vote of the membership was taken - 16 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstention. The contract was passed.

- **Installation of New Officers:** Deb Albrecht passed out ballots to elect Jonathan Albrecht whose position as Vice President is renewable in calendar odd years. The results were 15 yes, 2 no. He was elected.
- **Corporate Resolution:** Deb Albrecht responded to the ambiguity in attendance and membership from a couple of months ago. The Executive Board met a number of times and recommends that:
 - Attendance at regular monthly meetings be recorded for everyone who signs in.
 - Any member who has attended at least four meetings in 12 months has voting rights starting in the fourth month if membership dues have been paid.
 - A new member for the current calendar year shall pay full membership dues prior to July 1st or pay one half full membership dues after July 1st.

Deb opened the floor to questions. The members were satisfied to separate attendance from paying dues. Deb asked for a resolution to accept the policy; Tom Bergin made a

motion to approve the policy, Lydia Hoffman seconded it, it was approved with one abstention.

Dates to Remember:

Board of Trustees	February 14
WRLIS	February 16, 7:00pm

Adjourn: Motion was made by Tom Bergin to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm.