

Sandisfield Library Minutes

Date: January 29, 2018

Place: Sandisfield Library

Time: 12:30

Present: Clare English, Kathie Burrows, Sadie O'Rourke, Terry Spohnholz, and Mary Turek

Absent: all present

Minutes of October 30, 2017 were accepted. Motion made by Clare and seconded by Kathie.

Discussed the budget of f19. Reviewed numbers. Received letter for state grant. Ebooks went up by \$45, now \$245. As of 1/1/2017, minimum wage in MA is \$11.

Clare made motion to bring library aide position to state minimum wage rate. As of f19, all employees will be paid at least the MA state minimum wage. 2nd by Mary. All in favor. Kathie abstained. For FY 18, motion by Clare as of Feb. 1, 2018, we will pay all employees at least the MA state minimum wage. 2nd by Mary. All in favor and Kathie abstained.

State aid would be reduced if the town does not continue to appropriate funds itself at the continued rate.

We received the \$500 reimbursement Cultural Council grant check.

Continuation of the winter schedule with a message on the phone to call first. A discussion was held regarding inclement weather and closing. When the librarian comes and the walks are not shoveled, then we close, but she is paid for her hours. The reason for these rules are obvious. We do not want either the patrons or the librarian to have an accident which would leave the town open for a lawsuit/ insurance claim. This was a unanimous decision by the board.

Librarian report: see attached.

New business-Gutter update: still no gutters.

Next meeting is March 26, 2018 at 12:30 pm.

Adjourned at 1:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L. Turek

Librarian report

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Submitted by T. Spohnholz

We received notice of our State Aid for FY2018. It is two payments of \$954.69 for a total of \$1908.38.

The library continues to have Arts and Crafts once a month on Saturday with Lynn Rubinstein as our wonderful craft instructor. Next craft day is February 3rd from 10 until noon.

We were approved for the \$500 Local Cultural Council for the continued expansion of the children's section and to provide passes to the local museums.

The "out of order" bathroom is now in order.

There have been no takers for the computer desk, I will be asking Bobbie O'Brien to remove it to the transfer station.

The Librarian is requesting Saturday March 10th (5K race) and March 17th, Saturday April 14th (meeting my daughter in Boston while she is there for a conference). Would like to have the board consider alternating Saturdays for the Librarian or every third Saturday.

The Sandisfield Playgroup meets every Monday morning from 9:30am to 11:00am in the lower level. This started January 8th. This has been great for exposing little ones and moms and dads to the children's section of the library.