Seneca Falls Library Board Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2019 – 5:30 PM

Present: Marty Toombs, Derek Dyson, Laurie Lorenzetti, Susan Sinicropi, Marie Leo, Marcy Neumire, Mari Sandroni, Deb Jones, Dan Emmo, Maggie Carson, Vince Sinicropi, Pat Novak, Bob Kernan.

Absent: (none)

Staff: Jenny Burnett and Lori Stoudt

I.) Reports to the Board

A) President’s Report

1) The tax Levy vote is tomorrow, May 21st from 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Marty will e-mail the results to board members.

2) Laurie Lorenzetti’s and Deb Jones’s terms will expire next month

B) Treasurer’s Report – See Treasurer’s Reports

1) Marty was to meet with a representative from the Thmpkins Community Foundation regarding the Plummer monies. The meeting did not occur due to miscommunication. Marty asked to reschedule the meeting but the foundation representative has not called back.

2) $120,000 from the Plummer bequest is currently in a non-interest checking account. Bob recommended that a board-designated endowment be created. The money would then be available for Library operations while earning interest. A final decision on where to place the remainder of the Plummer bequest will be made in the Fall when the finance committee works with the budget.

C) Director’s Report - See May 2019 Library Director Report

1) A patron complained about bathroom signage when a transgender person used the bathroom when his daughter was in that bathroom creating an uncomfortable situation. The board discussed changing signs, locks, and/or bathroom configuration. Jenny is to put signs on both public bathroom doors stating that “Parents are responsible for their children when using restrooms”. The board will revisit the issue next month.

2) The Friends of the SFL would like to hold a BBQ fundraiser. Jenny asked the board if there were any questions or concerns.
II.) Committee Reports

A) Buildings and Grounds – See Building & Grounds Report

B) Policy and Ethics
   1) See Bylaw Issue sheet. The board cannot vote until the next meeting. The change in the bylaw would allow the removal of trustees who fail to complete mandatory training. Board members were asked to review the proposed change and suggest wording.

C) Strategic Planning / Finance – See Treasurer’s Report

D) Audit – no report

E) Personnel – no report

F) Fundraising – no report

Motion to approve committee reports. Pat moved. Susan seconded. All in favor.

III. Additional Business

1) SAM Grant Update – The grant has cleared the first level of review. It is now stuck. The review process is being held up because the Form 990 is not complete. It was filed on May 15th. Jenny sent a draft to the grant review board.

Motion to approve minutes of April Board meeting. Mari moved. Laurie seconded. All in favor.

Next meeting: Monday, June 24, 2019 at 5:30 PM.