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Prosser Public Library
Library Board of Directors Special Meeting
February 14, 2017

Attendance: Roberta LaMonaca (*Library Director*), Shirley Thompson (*Chairperson*), Harvey Frydman (*Vice-Chairperson*), Beverlee Merritt (*Secretary/Treasurer*), Martha Brackeen-Harris, Joan Geetter, Penny Pearson (*Friends of the Library Representative*)

Absent: Paula Walek

Quorum present? Yes, 5 of 6

Shirley Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call – S. Thompson announced the roll call and noted that Paula Walek was absent.

Report from the Friends of the Library

Winter Clearance Sale – The Friends have accumulated an abundance of books intended for the carts. To address the need for more space, the Friends will have a Wacky Winter Clearance Sale on Monday, March 13th.

Spring Luncheon – This year's spring luncheon will be held on April 19th at Seabury. The speaker is Andrew Julien, editor-in-chief and publisher of the Hartford Courant Media Group.

Director's Report

Building Fund – As in past years, the library received a \$5000 anonymous gift in January. The gift has been deposited in the building fund, which currently has over \$20,000

Prosser Fund Taxes – With accrued interest creeping up on the Prosser Fund deposits, R. LaMonaca spoke with Jim Wren, who consulted an auditor, about the need to file a tax return. The auditor said that it was not necessary at this time, due to the organization's non-profit status.

Julie Neaverson – The library received a gift of \$100 in honor of longtime library Friend and supporter Julie Neaverson. The money will be used to purchase something that reflects Julie's interests.

Library Budget FY2017-18 – The library's budget hearing with the town council is scheduled for March 23rd at 7:00 PM. R. LaMonaca reviewed some of the town's budget concerns, especially in regards to probable cuts in the state funding. The town will likely ask the library to cut 1-3% of the budget, which could affect new line items – extended hours at McMahon Wintonbury and new furniture for Prosser. Library board members were encouraged to attend the hearing.

Spotlight Sundays – R. LaMonaca handed out a recent Hartford Courant article about the library's new Spotlight Sundays program series. Program registration and attendance have been strong so far.

Online Museum Pass Reservation – In response to a request, the library is looking at two services that would allow patrons to reserve museum passes online. The plan is to have the system in place before summer.

Old Business – There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

Renew ACLB Membership – The board’s membership in the Association of Connecticut Library Boards is up for renewal. The cost is \$100, which is usually paid with Prosser Funds. **MOTION to renew ACLB membership**; seconded and passed.

School Bus Trips to Library – J. Geeter reported that the superintendent has agreed to fund 4th grade bus trips to the library for this year. This commitment by the schools allows the Friends to concentrate on funding other library needs.

MOTION to accept the minutes of the January 10th, 2016 meeting; seconded and approved.

MOTION to adjourn meeting at 5:17 PM; seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Siloac,
Technology & Administrative Coordinator