

Board of Trustees
Ilsley Public Library
Wednesday, November 16, 2016
8:00 a.m.
Vermont Room, 2nd floor of the library

In attendance: Rebekah Irwin, Chris Watters, John Freidin, Skylar Atkins and Catherine Nichols.

Meeting called to order at 8:15

No Public and board comments

Meeting minutes of September 21st , 2016 approved unanimously with revisions.

3rd Quarter Financial report: Mr. Watters reported that financial reports will be sent to the town treasurer as well. The library will specify that Trustee holdings are board funds, not town funds.

New Business

Trustee recruitment: Ms. Irwin reported that forms for Trustee recruitment were not yet available at the town. An announcement was made at the building forum, and Mr. Unrath will look over the list of attendees for possible recruits.

Discussion of hiring a fundraising consultant for Ilsley, the board considered the timing and purpose of such a contract. A discussion of who to lead a fundraising drive ensued, with several names being considered. The board determined that the president of the Friends should be asked as a first step, to lead the fundraising effort and a list of consultants would be compiled as a next step.

Old business

Board unanimously approved joining the Homecard consortium

Director Unrath provided an update on Sunday hours. Usage continues to be down, so the plan moving forward is to change to longer Monday-Saturday hours starting in May and observe usage during the spring and summer months. If usage increases, a permanent change to such hours will be implemented

Building committee updates – Mr. Freidin reported that the initial engineering report indicated that \$750,000 would be needed to bring the building up to modern standards. At the public forum, unanimous support was expressed for the general needs for improvement. There was some question about building new versus renovating and a general openness to a new building.

Ms. Irwin discussed ideas on getting feedback on the building from parents and children. Youth Services Librarian Tricia Allen has been reaching out and will continue to do so.

Biennial Report – Ms. Nichols and Mr. Unrath will finalize the Biennial Report and publish it on the website.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18th at 8:00am
The board adjourned at 9:23

Respectfully Submitted,
Kevin Unrath