

**Present were:** Carole Cramer, Gail Lahaise, Fred Ernst, Amy Howard, Kate Nerrie, Jean Kobeski, Shirley Capron, Rose Werden.

**Absent:** Jeanne Ramey, Bert Nelson, Peggy Pschirrer, Justine Rogers.

**Audience:** Fred introduced Susan Johnson to the Board who is running for Trustee.

**Approval of Minutes:** Gail moved, Amy seconded, all approved (7-0) with two corrections made:

- Two plaques thought to be ordered, were not. Carole will remind Jeanne to do so.
- \$5,000 received was the Walpole Savings Bank's donation, not the Moose Plate Grant as recorded.

**Treasurer's Reports:** Kate distributed her three-page report:

- Page 1 for "January 2020."
- Page 2: "Income – Budgeted 2020" and "2018 – 2019 Budget."
- Page 3: "A Few Figures" "Checking Account" "Expansion Account" " Summary of Expansion Costs" "2019 Private Fund  
Breakdown."

Fred moved, Gail seconded, all approved (7-0) Kate returning \$50,000 back into the Hubbard Fund.

Kate said she will close out the Expansion Account with the left-over monies going into the checking account.

After lengthy discussion, Jean moved, Amy seconded, all approved (7-0) Kate's reports.

**Bills:** Justine is to e-mail Board members her January bills report for approval.

**Old Business:** Fred remarked that Reconstruction appears to be coming to a finale.

Carole, Amy, and Jeanne are to meet about projects not completed. Re, Amy mentioned chairs, a table, a new rug for the Children's Room, and another needed bookcase.

All agreed Justine should bring a report to the next Trustees Meeting with a list of expenditures for everything needed.

Fred pointed out that Justine's current 2020 Budget shows a deficit of over \$5000. It was agreed by all that we should meet on March 10 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the budget and how the deficit should be addressed.

**New Business:** Fred spoke about Bill Reed and his request for a French Class he wishes to conduct in the Library. In the discussion about the particulars of his request and ones similar in the future, Susan offered her suggestion about looking at other Library's policies re. It was decided to defer the subject to the March Library Board meeting.

**Operations:**

**Branch:** Rose said all is going smoothly.

**Building & Grounds:** Carole said that the trees next door have been cut down.

- A runner for the hall is needed.

- Gail said that the ceiling light and fan in the Public Bathroom needs to be replaced.

**Technology:** Amy mentioned a defunct computer. Justine is to report her findings for the three new computers needed.

**Friends:** Gail will contact Carole Malnati about a meeting in early March with the Friends group in order to discuss fund raising strategies for the Library.

**NEXT LIBRARY BOARD MEETING, MARCH 17.**

With no further business, Gail moved, all approved (7-0) we adjourn at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Capron, Secy.