

Canaan Town Library Trustee Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2011

Attending: Trustees Wolf, Remacle, Neily, Reitsma; Librarian Thurber; Selectman Regan

Minutes of August Meeting amended and approved.

Treasurer's Report: YTD looks good. Still waiting to hear about custodial services and the possibility of weekly cleaning. The letter to the Brundage Foundation is ready to be sent. Statistics and a request will also be sent to Dorchester and Grafton.

Librarian's Report: The carpet remains AWOL. Chris Wadsworth went to Carpet Mill and got them to agree on a delivery date of September 28. If this does not happen we will cancel the order and go elsewhere, possibly LaValleys. Matt has a few things to finish on the circ desk. A small book sale will be held on the 24th. The new website is almost ready. A new sub has been hired. Still working on the survey – a few suggestions were given for more venues.

Budget 2012: The proposed budget has been updated with the town figures for benefits and salaries. We still would like to see the benefit line rolled into the town's total – perhaps new town manager will have some ideas what to do about this. Meeting with budget committee will be September 29.

Long-range plan: Hopefully Lucinda Walker can come to the next meeting. Amy compiled survey results but more responses are still being added. Discussion of possible groups to have meet and respond to questions about the future of the library: staff, trustees, Friends, Senior Center, student group, parent group, education group were mentioned. Also the formation of a technology group was discussed.

Other business: Helping libraries decimated by Irene was discussed. When we know what they need, we will be willing to contribute be it books or other library services.

Next meeting October 17.

Denise Reitsma, secretary