

Canaan Town Library Trustee Meeting

August 16, 2010

Called to order. Attending: Trustees Neily, Wolf, Guillette, Reitsma; Selectman Bob Regan; Librarian Amy Thurber; Contractor Matt Dow; Charles Wadsworth

Minutes of July Meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report: A few budget lines were overspent and discussed. Bottled water will now come out of the supply budget, exact amount to be determined. The A/V budget is overspent and Amy would like to add more to this line next year. Cindy and Amy met with Town Manager Mike Samson. He asked each department to come up with changes they want to see that will impact their budget. Amy mentioned more public computers for the library. Cindy mentioned again the problem of the benefits being included separately in the library budget. Budget meetings will be starting soon.

Librarians' Report

Comcast has a new phone deal that will save the library money. Amy was told to go for it. The chair, table, and lamp that Mr. Murray donated are here. Donation plaque was discussed. Discussion of A/V expenditures.

Friends group did not meet this month. Amy has given them some new wishlist items.

Renovation: A lengthy discussion on where we are and where we need to go. Tom distributed up-to-date information on costs and progress. The estimate is overspent by approximately \$11,000, mostly due to electrical issues. The service desk may have to be fundraised for separately after the main floor is finished. Tom feels MTD is behind schedule. Matt thinks it will be finished in 2-3 weeks. The complexity of the main space: walls, ceiling, and floor, and the functioning of the library needs to be further discussed. A group will meet at 8am on Thursday morning, August 19 to start planning.

Adjourned 9pm

Next meeting September 20 at 7pm.

Secretary, Denise Reitsma