

## **Bancroft Public Library**

### **Board of Trustees – Minutes of the May 1, 2018 Regular Meeting**

Present were Ed Donoghue, Kim Erbe, Rebecca Brown, Siri Allison, and Alesa Wilson. Also present was Library Director Susan Getty, Friends of the Library Treasurer Wendy Hunter, and a member of the public.

Alesa Wilson made a motion, Kim Erbe seconded, to adopt the May 1 Agenda as presented. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Minutes:** Kim Erbe made a motion, Siri Allison seconded, to approve the April 3, 2018 minutes as amended. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Correspondence:** The only correspondence was a Notice of the SALS Annual Business/Trustee Meeting.

**Public Comment:** Wendy Hunter, Treasurer of the Friends of Bancroft Library, shared that the annual bake and plant sale, normally held on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, has been cancelled. Neither she nor the President can be available to run it this year, and no one else has stepped up to take it on. Wendy also submitted a report of receipts and disbursements over the past year, and the balance in the check book as of March 31, 2018.

**Treasurer/Finance Officer's Report:** Vouchers from the Library Fund Nos.: 29 through 35 and totaling \$2276.08 were audited and ordered paid. The Town's budgeted contribution has been transferred and should cover expenses until Salem Central's contribution in October. Siri Allison made a motion, Kim Erbe seconded, to accept the Financial reports as presented. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Library Director's Report:** See attached.

**Committee reports:** The Long-Range Plan Committee will meet on Friday, May 4 at 4 PM.

**Old Business:** Regarding the Reading Room, the dedication will be held on Thursday, May 17 at 6:30 PM.

Regarding the Final Charter, no word has been received about its progress through the State Education Department.

Regarding the possible sale of historic books as discussed in April's Minutes, Swann Galleries of NYC will handle the sale of *Postillae Perpetuae*, estimated auction value of \$2,000 to \$3,000, in October. They were not interested in *The Laurelled Chefs-d'Oeuvre d'Art* or *Don Quixote*, and after inspecting *The Bhagvat-Geeta*, it was said to be a reprint and in poor condition. It will be returned. After conferring with Edie Brown of Owl Pen Books, any remaining items of interest will be carried to book dealer Dennis Holzman in Cohoes for appraisal.

Amy Maxwell attended and spoke about the status of her class's landscaping project and how much they might be able to take on before the end of the school year. After determining what is under the flower bed (cement, bricks, dirt) she will be in touch so the Board can decide how to go forward and how to direct her class.

The Board decided not to join the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce.

Regarding drawing up a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town Board as Successor Trustees of the Bancroft Trust and the Library Board, after discussion it was felt it should be tabled for the time being.

#### **New Business**

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned.