

Appleton Library Board Meeting 09/17/2025

Meeting began at 5:15 p.m.

Board members in attendance: Tina, Deb M., Peter, Bill, Diane

Also in attendance, Jess P

Donald Burke was here to touch base with us from the Historical Society.

He updated us on their fundraising goals for improvements to be made by 2029

He thanked us for supporting them, and asked for permission to put a "Sukeforth/Pease Room" sign on the top of the door. Peter Conant moved that we vote - vote passed.

Diane is going to contact Scott Essency to ask him if he wants to continue being our liaison with the select board.

Financial Report - Bill out of town starting December 31 - we should do a draft budget before then.

We are in sound financial health - investments are doing well.

Regarding potentially donating to the Historical Society Building Project in the future; The woman who gave us the endowment did it because she wanted to support the library, so we feel that any monies from that endowment should be used only for things that are directly related to the library.

Library Coordinator report attached.

Fire safety talk by Kevin Callahan on October 7th.

Change of hours:

Kate and Stan Bower no longer volunteering, but we have new volunteers now, so we can begin to have Tuesday evening hours 5:30-8:00 as well as Thursday 6:00-8:00 (Tuesday evenings will begin after the new volunteers are trained).

Old Business:

New cleaner is Melissa (Leely) Green. She will be trained by Robin soon. \$50 an hour for two hours or less every other week. The maintenance budget doesn't have enough for this new expense, so we need to go over budget for this year.

Ukulele band is this Saturday. Peter will come at 3:00 and bring lights and extension cords. Set up will begin at 3:00.

New Business:

Volunteer appreciation dinner - October 10th - 6:00-8:00. Meal made by the board members. Burrito bar. Tina will circulate a list of who is making what for the meal. Families are invited.

Meeting dismissed at 6:00 p.m.