

Talcott Free Library Board Meeting
December. 5, 2016
7 PM

Mission Statement: The Talcott Free Library District provides current materials in a variety of formats and preserves local history, supports educational endeavors, and supplies community information.

Present: Bailor, Butler, Eggers, Kovanda, Mohring, Zimmerman, Maine

Absent: Baines, Gove (on maternity leave)

Guests: David Allen, fundraising consultant; Emily Burke, Vickie Halom both interested in board positions

The meeting was called to order by President Butler.

Public Comment: None

Secretary's Report: Kovanda moved to approve, seconded by Zimmerman. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: New format designed for the report which is simpler than past reports. Mohring moved to accept, seconded by Bailor.

Librarian's Report: Chocolate party was Dec. 4th. Was well-attended even with weather conditions. Book sale is currently ongoing.

Gove had her baby in November and both are doing well.

Maine feels coverage of directorship is going well. There have been no issues and Gove has been available for any questions.

Building and Grounds Report: Railing by back entrance/exit was damaged by a car that rolled into it from the Mobil around the Thanksgiving holiday. Railing can be repaired by a welder. Cost will be turned into the owner's insurance.

Old Business: Petitions for new board members can be turned in starting December 12 and ending December 19 to either Maine or Jolly. Kovanda will then take to the county clerk prior to the election.

New Business:

David Allen here to give status of feasibility study. Internal study of the library and readiness for capital campaign was completed and reported upon in April. At that time it was unclear where leaders of campaign were to be found or where funds would come from. Donor interviews were selected from a list compiled by small group meetings in May and June. However, Allen had limited success in being able to contact people on the list as contact information was not current or people were not residents of Rockton. A conference call between Allen and Gove took place to see if better information could be obtained. Those that were contacted were reluctant to meet with Allen. End result is that this angle is not worth pursuing. Appears that the people who might be interested in investing into the library is small in number. Allen feels that a donor base could be developed in the next couple of years. He provided recommendations at the end of his report from April on how to do this. Allen recommended that any further study be stopped at this point. He will bill for only one day of work (instead of 15) and his expenses. He will provide board with summary of what he was able to accomplish. Kovanda moved to stop further work on the fundraising as recommended by David Allen, seconded by Eggers. Motion approved.

Overtime issues discussed at last meeting will not go into effect as of December 1, 2016.

Butler brought up issues regarding building improvements that may need to be done prior to any expansion that may take place in the future i.e. what monies would be available if something needs to be done. Mohring suggested starting more activities with the public where small fees could be charged to generate some extra revenue.

Zimmerman moved to adjourn, seconded by Bailor. Adjourned at 7:45 PM.

The next meeting of the library board will be January 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Eggers
Secretary