

Cromwell Library Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, November 19, 2018
7:30 pm.
Arch Room
Record of Votes and Minutes

Present: Chairman Marie Roberto, , Margaret Colella, Kathy Newton, Martha Rennie, Barbara Grotheer

Absent: Diane Mongold, Al Dickerson

Also Present: Library Director Kara Canney, and Gerald Seagrave

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm. by Chairman Marie Roberto.
2. Approve/Amend Agenda-- Kathy Newton moved to approve the November 19, 2018 agenda. Seconded by Martha Rennie. In favor: Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Kathy Newton, Martha Rennie, Margaret Colella.
3. Approval of the Minutes of October 15, 2018-- Kathy Newton moved to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Margaret Colella. In favor: Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Kathy Newton, Margaret Colella. Martha Rennie abstained.
4. Citizen Comments—None
5. Town Council Liaison Comments—None
6. Reports
 - a. Chairman—Chairman Roberto reported that commission member Diane Mongold is recovering and Diane appreciated the card sent by the members. Chairman Roberto reported that the Holiday Concert will take place on Monday, December 10, with a 6 pm. Social Hour and Concert at 7 pm. As the Director needs to be present at the concert, it was decided that the meeting would be canceled and members are encouraged to attend the concert.
 - b. Library Director—Director Canney discussed the October Director's Report and Statistics Report.
 - * Discover Books has finally come and emptied the bin. Hopefully this will be smoother in the future.
 - * Coffee and treats were made available to patrons on Monday, November 5th. About 40 people enjoyed coffee and pastries. This will be a monthly event, on the first Monday of each month, with an eye toward eventually hosting this more frequently.
 - * The Holiday Concert in the library is on 12/10/18 with 6 PM Social Hour and 7 PM Concert in the Main Library. The Friends will be hosting the Social Hour. This Concert was a great success last year, and hoping for the same this year.
 - * One very exciting program for all ages, will be the Noon Year's Eve- Countdown to the New Year, on 12/29/18 at 11:30 AM-1 PM in the Gymnasium. The program is open

to everyone and will feature a DJ, ginger ale toast, photo area, hats and noise makers. A fun count down to Noon!

* Lois Meltzer Retirement Party 12/11/18 12 PM-1:30 PM and 5 PM- 7:30 PM Arch Room. Light refreshments will be served and a note station for written sentiments will be available.

* There have been 25 applicants for the Children's Librarian position and 9 interviewed to date.

Statistics Report for October 2018 was also presented by Director Canney. The Commission is impressed with the current statistics. Martha Rennie moved to accept these reports. Seconded by Barbara Grotheer. In favor: Marie Roberto, Margaret Colella, Kathy Newton, Barbara Grotheer, Martha Rennie.

c. Library Finance Report—Director Canney discussed a desire to purchase wireless” hot spots”. Patron Hoopla downloads increased again and the Director is also taking a critical look at and budget study of LCI (our Library Consortium). Barbara Grotheer moved to accept the report and Kathy Newton seconded. In favor: Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Martha Rennie, Margaret Colella, and Kathy Newton.

7. Old Business--None

8. New Business

Construction Update- The Director sends weekly updates about the construction but noted to date the project is on target. She also has been trying to coordinate gym closures with the other Town Hall Departments when possible.

9. Other-- Chairman Roberto expressed her gratitude to the Director and staff for assisting Altrusa with the Altrusa Poetry Contest.

10. Next Regular Meeting Date: January 14, 2019.

11. Adjournment—Kathy Newton moved to adjourn at 8:33 p.m.. Seconded by Barbara Grotheer. In favor: Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Martha Rennie, Margaret Colella and Kathy Newton.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Colella
Acting Secretary