

June 4, 2012

ROYALTON HARTLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Royalton Hartland Community Library was held at the library on June 4, 2012. Attending were Carolyn Wagner, Ken Belfield, Steve Freeman, Melane Shuttleworth, Ann Bates, Herb Koenig, JoAnn Swick, Margaret Allen, Larry Lutz, Carolyn Hill and Director Rose Bernard. Excused was Amy Monti.

President Carolyn Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. with the roll call, and Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Carolyn welcomed the public to the meeting with a ten minute comment session. There was one respondent, Jean Bruning, who thanked everyone who worked to keep the library open and defeat the recent defunding proposition. She suggested the library send a periodic newsletter to the community to keep everyone informed of library events and programs and offered to help defray the cost of such mailings.

Steve filed the Treasurer's report as of 5/30/12. There is a current surplus in the budget, but this will change as there are two more payrolls in June as well as more expenses that will have to be met before the end of the fiscal year on 6/30/12. This report will be updated in July.

Rose presented the Director's Report which is on file. There was an increase in facility use with many clubs and organizations. Circulation also increased; especially DVD's, audio books and E-books.

Two board positions are currently expiring July 1, 2012. President Carolyn Wagner has submitted her resignation effective that date. Trustee Amy Monti will be up for election for her expired term. The Library placed notices in the newspaper, on the Library website and at the circulation desk asking for interested candidates to submit a petition for consideration of a board position to be voted upon by the public at the annual meeting. There were no applications received from the public for nomination to the board.

As there were less interested candidates than the number of board positions to be filled, the Secretary was directed to cast one ballot for the re-election of the lone candidate interested in continuing her term (Amy Monti). The other seat will remain unfilled, until further discussion at the Quarterly Meeting on June, 18, 2012.

The Charter Amendment as approved on April 24, 2012 by the New York State Education Department. The name of the library is now the Royalton Hartland Community Library and the library's service area encompasses the Royalton Hartland School District. Reorganization of the board will be held at the Quarterly June board meeting with the election of officers and appointment of committee chairpersons.

Proposition #2 Library Defunding vote was held May 15, 2012 at the Royalton Hartland Central School. This proposition to eliminate the library's previously approved budget of \$103,000 was defeated by a vote of eligible voters (840 "no" votes to 401 "yes" votes). Carolyn publically thanked everyone involved for this positive outcome. Many people who supported this effort included the Board of Trustees and staff, "Friends of the Library", those who wrote supportive letters to the local newspapers, those who made phone calls and went door-to-door to encourage the vote, and members of other libraries and Nioga staff who passed out fliers and held signs the day of the vote at the school. Funding for these efforts including the mailings and lawn signs was provided by the Friends of the Library.

The proposed 2012/2013 budget was reviewed. The budget of \$113,187 includes the taxpayer-approved amount (\$103,000) along with additional funds received from Nioga, local library service aid, copy fees and fines. Motion to accept the budget was made by Larry Lutz and seconded by Ann Bates. Carried.

The Endowment Fund Spending Policy was reviewed. It will be left unchanged at the current time.

Since the fiscal year of the library is now June 30, 2012, Herb Koenig made a motion to change the annual meeting to July so that a full financial summary through the end of the fiscal year (along with the Director's Report summary for the entire fiscal year) can be made. As a result, Trustee terms will now expire on July 15. Melane seconded the motion which was carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Herb Koenig and seconded by Larry Lutz. Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Carolyn Hill
Secretary