

Reading Room Association of Gouverneur

60 Church Street, Gouverneur, NY 13642

Regular Meeting: 20th January, 2022

Members Present: Donna, Rob, Mary, Michael, Gale, Chuck, Joanne, Anita, Pat, Judy, Alissa, Greta.

Members Excused: Eric, Roxanne, Shirley.

Meeting called to order at 3:30pm. Motion to accept minutes from December meeting made by Mary, seconded by Chuck. All in favour. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Donna reported a donation of \$25,000 from Ray & Lauren French for the renovation fund.

Library Manager's Report: Greta has started work on the annual report. She has also applied for a holiday matching grant from Stewart's Shops. Cornell Cooperative has booked the conference room from June to October for their healthy eating programme.

Correspondence: Donna received a Christmas card for the library from Key Bank.

Committee Reports:

Nominating: No report. Two names were suggested as possible trustees --- Kelly Thomford & Marla Shampine.

House & Grounds: No report.

Friends of the Library: Approximately \$300 was realized from tickets sold for the Xmas gift basket.

Policy: Constitution was revised & copies given to trustees.

Old Business: Fire Panel quote: STADT has been sold to an out of area buyer. NCC is more local. Donna made a motion to accept NCC's quote. Gale seconded motion : all in favour.

Bathroom problems: We should have M&M replace faucets.

Need to have picture donated by Lauren French hung in Loft.

New Business: We need an architect for our construction project: could Aubertine help? Fourth Coast knows the building well so they will be asked to bid.

Change to library hours. Greta noted few patrons visit after 6:0pm. She suggested opening at 10:30am and closing at 6:0pm. Mike made a motion to change to these

hours. It was seconded by Alissa and the motion passed. New hours will be effective 2/1/22.

Greta noted that few libraries are charging fines & suggested that Gouverneur follow suit. Chuck made a motion, seconded by Gale, to become fine free. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm. Next meeting will be Feb. 10th, 2022

Respectfully submitted

Patricia Milne, Secretary