

AMAGANSETT FREE LIBRARY
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Approved Minutes of December 20, 2019

Present: Calandra Sheen (Vice President), Shari Thompson (Secretary), Brock Lownes, Lynne Weinlandt, Lauren Nichols (Director). Vice President Calandra Sheen called the meeting to order at 9:05.

I. Approval of Agenda. Approved without objection, but with the provision that there not be an Executive Session, slated to come after the Approval of Minutes.

II. Approval of Minutes from the November 22, 2019, Regular Meeting. Approved without objection.

III. Financial Report. **Treasurer Rachel Gruzen called in to present the financial report.** Approved without objection.

IV. President's Report. None.

V. Director's Report.

Lauren Nichols acknowledged "the wonderful job the staff has done" since she has been in her position. "With eagerness and positivity, they have done years' worth of collection maintenance and reorganization, allowing the library to enjoy increased usable space, and creating a considerably more welcome environment." Lauren noted that our outreach has been strong, with our library hosting meetings, programs, and activities in partnership with the Amagansett School, local businesses, and Amagansett and East Hampton community groups (i.e., the Amagansett Chamber of Commerce, the Amagansett Historical Association, the Marine Museum, the Amagansett Life-Saving Station, the East End Classic Boat Society, the East Hampton Historical Society, Kiwanis, and the Springs Food Pantry).

Lauren reported that to date, our annual appeal has brought in \$20,763 in contributions from 81 donors.

Lauren reported also that work on the lower level has progressed more quickly than had been expected. The Community Room has gotten new flooring and is being painted, and the shelves in the two other lower-level rooms---one will be the teens' room--- have been reconfigured so that the rooms now have a lot more space. The architectural subcommittee will look for comfortable reading chairs, work tables, and other furnishings, and Lauren will get estimates for new flooring and for painting if the decision is made to go ahead and redo the rest of the lower level.

VI. Secretary's Report. Secretary Shari Thompson had nothing to report.

VII. Trustee Reports. Calandra Sheen reported that on a recent Sunday afternoon, at our library, as a community service project, a group of teens made toys from recycled t-shirts for the animals at ARF (the Animal Rescue Fund of the Hamptons).

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Friends. Lauren Nichols noted that we now have **48** Friends and that our Friday bridge group has been a source for members.

B. Architecture. See the Director's Report, above.

IX. Old Business. Our 2020 operating budget was approved without objection.

X. New Business

A. The transfer of excess operating funds from our People's United checking account to our People's United savings account was approved without objection.

B. The board voted without objection to authorize periodic transfers from savings to checking, to cover monthly expenses.

XI. Approval of Regular Bills. Approved without objection.

XII. Approval of the Personnel Report. Approved without objection.

XIII. Correspondence. None.

XIV. Period for Public Expression. No one from the public was present.

XV. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50.

Next Meeting Date: Friday, January 31st, at 9:00 am.