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Prosser Public Library Library Board of Directors Meeting December 14, 2010

Attendance: Nancy Kamins (*Chairperson*), Roberta LaMonaca (*Library Director*), Howard Frydman, Beatrice Llewellyn, Beverlee Merritt, Joan Politis, Paula Walek and Penny Pearson (*Friends of the Library Representative*)

Quorum present? Yes, 6 of 6

N. Kamins called the meeting to order at 4:29 p.m.

MOTION to accept the minutes of the November 9th, 2010 meeting; seconded and approved.

Chairperson's Report

Renovation Committee Change – After the meeting of November 9th, 2010 had been adjourned, it was decided that B. Merritt would take N. Kamins place on the selection committee charged with evaluating architects' renovation proposals.

Tree Removal – The town recently hired a company to trim and evaluate trees around the library, and state workers removed dead trees from the library's grounds. These measures will hopefully satisfy Mr. Connelly, the concerned arborist.

Public Statements – No public statements were presented.

Director's Report

Children's Librarian Positions – The advertisement for the Children's Librarian positions recently ran in the Hartford Courant/Careerbuilder. The closing date is December 30th. The interview process will consist of two stages: initial interviews will be handled by a panel of librarians from the surrounding area, while the second interview will be done in-house.

Prosser Renovation/Expansion – On the Monday following Thanksgiving (Nov. 29th), six firms were chosen from the twenty proposals that were submitted. The six finalists will present more detailed proposals in Town Hall Conference Room #5 on Friday, January 7th. Each firm is allowed 45 minutes to make their case. Presentations will begin at 9:00 AM and continue throughout the day, with a break for lunch. Non-committee members are allowed to sit-in on the presentations, but they must remain silent.

Old Business

Roof Repair – The roof over Carol Lennig's office has finally been patched, and the pails have been removed.

Report from the Friends of the Library

Membership Renewal– The Friends recently sent out flyers to remind people to renew their memberships. The response has been strong, though not as high as last year.

Book Sales and Donations – A large number of books have been donated for the spring book sale, resulting in a space issue. At their next meeting, the Friends will discuss a way to deal with the abundance. The feasibility of a winter book sale will be considered. The Friends looked into using the “MyBookCart” on-line service but found it to be too selective.

Recycling Books – The Friends have started to work with an organization called Rebook, which channels second-hand children’s books to impoverished schools. The Friends always have more children’s books than they can sell, so this is a good way to find a home for them.

Linda Gabianelli – Penny Pearson complimented Linda Gabianelli for her eye-catching bulletin board displays. She thinks they play an important part in promoting the library and its events.

Author Honorarium – The Friends have offered to supply money for an author honorarium. After a failed attempt to get Yale professor Stephen Carter, the library was very pleased to book Chris Bohjalian, author of *Midwives*, *Skeletons at the Feast*, and many others. Mr. Bohjalian is taking a considerably smaller fee than he usually does, though the library will provide him with dinner and accommodations. It promises to be a big event. R. LaMonaca would like to have it upstairs in the Prosser Library but is considering other possible locations, such as Fellowship Hall or Duncaster.

Meeting Time – P. Walek asked the board if they would consider meeting earlier. Due to scheduling conflicts, the members thought it best to keep the standard start time of 4:30.

Bob Johnson – J. Politis proposed a moment of silence for Bob Johnson, who recently passed away. The board observed a moment of silence.

MOTION to adjourn meeting at 4:45 PM; seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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