# Darwin R. Barker Library Association

## **Board of Directors' Meeting**

May 17, 2017

## 4:00 p.m.—Steele Room

Present: President Peter Clark, Librarian Sara Hart, David Dengler, Virginia Harper, Bonnie Liener, Linda Prechtl,

Nin Privatera, Keith Sheldon

Guest: Eli Guinnee, Executive Director of the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System

#### **MINUTES**

Reviewed and Approved

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Reviewed and Approved

### SPECIAL REPORT

- Eli Guinnee reported on the following:
  - Museum and Library Services
  - o Central Connection between Dunkirk and Fredonia
  - o Reduction of funding from the Village of Fredonia
  - Structural issues of the library building
  - Construction grant funds--\$500,000 is available to the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus System
  - New York State 259 Vote should be considered in 2018. It provides annual supplemental funding from taxes and can only go up, not down. He recommended a sub-committee to look into options.
  - The construction grant application is due in September 2017. Funding is approved in June 2018 with money arriving in July 2018.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

- See Attached
- There is a push to increase the diversity of activities at the library. A craft club has met several times.
- A 75" TV will be installed in the Steele Room, compliments of an anonymous donor.
- Nita is officially retiring on June 12, 2017 after many years of incredible service. A replacement is being considered at less hours.
- Alternative ideas other than books is being developed for memorials.

### **TOWN REPRESENTATIVE**

None present

#### **VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE**

None present

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- The Whistleblower Policy was approved
- Fire extinguishers in the library are in need of updating. Sara has notified the company and will call for a reminder.
- Quotes for carpets, bathroom renovation, and air conditioning will be obtained.
- A proposal for the New York State Library grant will be prepared with the help of Eli Guinee.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

NEXT MEETING—June 21, 2017

**MEETING ADJOURNED**—5:04

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Prechtl