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WYCKOFF LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES/FRIENDS OF THE WYCKOFF LIBRARY

February 4, 2015 - Special Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM, Wyckoff Public Library, 200 Woodland Avenue

“The February 4, 2015 Special Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees and the Friends of the Wyckoff Library is now in session. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting appears on our Annual Schedule of Meetings. A copy of said Annual Schedule has been posted on the bulletin board in Memorial Town Hall; a copy has been filed with the Township Clerk, The Record, The Ridgewood News and the North Jersey Herald and News – all newspapers having general circulation throughout the Township of Wyckoff. At least 48 hours prior to this meeting the Agenda thereof was similarly posted, filed, and mailed to said newspapers.” Formal action may be taken at this meeting.

Board Member Attendance: Vincent Antonacci , Peggy Chagares , Lauren DeKorte, Tony Donato, Brian Ellers, Lori Peters, Mayor Rooney, Brian Saxton, Grace White

Staff Attendance: Mary Witherell, Library Director, Jackie Dwyer, Secretary

Motion by Mayor Rooney seconded by Tony Donato open the meeting to the public.
All were in favor.

Public Comment – None.

Motion by Lori Peters seconded by Mayor Rooney to close the meeting to the public.
All were in favor.

Lori Peters turned the meeting over to Brian Saxton.

Mr. Saxton spoke about the value of the Friends of the Wyckoff Library and the Board’s intentions to better open the lines of communication with the “Friends”with regard to the current makerspace project and future projects and programs.

“Friends” President Colleen Abribat introduced herself and went on to say that, although the “Friends” were surprised about the possibility of the makerspace being set up in the “Friends” room, they are collectively ready to support any plans the Board may have.

Mr. Saxton asked everyone to introduce themselves. Everyone did so.

“Friends” Vice President, Susan Litt introduced herself and expressed herself in favor of having a makerspace at the library.

Mayor Rooney spoke about “Friends” members becoming members of the Board Committees so that the two entities could work together on projects.

Ms. Litt mentioned that she had walked through the library with Mary Witherell in search of an alternative location for the makerspace.

Ms. White spoke about the various makerspace locations she has visited as a member of the Makerspace Committee and gave the group a website to visit to get a better idea of what a makerspace is about.

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Mayor Rooney asked how much space is needed for the makerspace and how the Board decided on the "Friends" Room.

Mr. Donato and Mr. Saxton gave a quick synopsis with regard to the process that the Makerspace Committee went through to find a location within the library that would be an acceptable size and meet the building code requirements.

A discussion ensued with regard to using the Monroe Room for the makerspace. Mary Witherell explained the reasons why the Monroe Room is not a viable option to house the makerspace.

Ms. Abribat stated that if the "Friends" room is going to be used for the makerspace, the books will need to be moved.

It was agreed to have both Board Members and "Friends" Members on the Makerspace Committee and possibly break out to Sub-Committees to find the ideal location for the room.

Rosemary Brennan read a letter from "Friends" Treasurer Beth Wharton, who could not attend the meeting. The letter expressed concern over moving the "Friends" room to a different location.

Motion by Brian Saxton seconded by Tony Donato to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Lori Peters, Board President

Mary Witherell, Library Director