**PAWLING FREE LIBRARY**

**Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**August 11, 2016**

**Attendees:**  Verna Carey, Karen Franco, Stephanie McLaughlin, Dennis Munnelly, Nick Robertshaw, Frank Sinisi. Brian Smith, Susan Stone, and Donald Partelow (Interim Director)

**Excused:** David Potter

**Absent:** Cliff Johnson and Frank Sinisi

**Guests:** Jay Morales and Chris Wood and Sharon Donofsky

Meeting opened at 6:50 p.m.

Mr. Wood and Mr. Morales presented us with a vision of the proposed new newspaper (PAWLING RECORD) for our community. They would like our support with articles re: programs, etc. They realize that we cannot provide them any financial help as we are supported by the taxpayers. Their goal is to be in operation by Thanksgiving.

Our other guest, Sharon Donofsky (our fund raising choice), was here to tell us they have started the process and are looking for at least 25 people to approach for funds to help us with our renovations.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**: Motion to approve by Brian Smith and 2nd by Karen Franco. All in favor.

**Director’s Report:** Report was presented by Donald Partalow, our interim director**.** Report has been distributed to all trustees and is on file with meeting minutes. Approved by Brian Smith and 2nd by Karen Franco. All in favor.

**Treasurer’s Report**: No report this month. A resolution was presented by Nick Robertshaw to be presented to the bank indicating that Casey Conlin is no longer an authorized signature and is to be removed as such, until a new Director has been chosen. This resolution was requested by Nick with a 2nd by Brian Smith. All in favor.

**Old Business:** Senator Murphy made a visit to library to see how $5,000 gift was spent. He was very pleased with what he saw, as Miss Karen showed him around with Nick, Verna and Donald and told us that library would be receiving another $5,000 imminently. He said that we need to keep him informed re: renovations and to send him plans for inside and outside. He will do what he can to help us. He said we need to contact him on a monthly basis, as he has so many balls in the air and this way he is aware of our needs and we will not fall under the rug.

**New Business:**  We will be interviewing candidates for Director Aug. 27th. More info to follow.

**Executive Session:** The purpose of this session was to discuss personnel and there were no votes taken.

Motion to adjourn @ 9:15 by Brian Smith and 2nd by Stephanie McLaughlin. All in favor.

**Respectfully Submitted by Verna J. Carey, Secretary**

**Next meeting will be Sept.8th. At that time we will submit name of new Director for a formal Board vote.**