

Meredith Public Library - Board of Trustees

Minutes of the Library Board of Trustees Meeting – Tuesday April 13, 2010

Trustees Present: Laurie Brothers, Duncan McNeish, Rhetta Colon, Paul Eldridge, Maribeth McEwan, Ann Butler.

Absent with notice: Victoria Carty

Others Present: Erin Apostolos, Director, Judy Hodges, Assisant Diector

Chair Paul called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

The Secretary's Report:

It was moved by Duncan and seconded by Laurie that the March 23, 2010 Regularly Scheduled Meeting Minutes be approved as presented. The vote was unanimously in favor.

The Treasurers Report: The treasurer's report was submitted and Duncan explained the expenditures.

Director's Report:

Copier Maintenance: Erin would like to cancel the contract with the Copier Maintenance Company, and handle any problems we may have with the machine ourselves. The Trustees asked Erin to investigate the cost of a new copier as opposed to the cost of keeping the contract.

The 2010 Budget Updates: The updates were given to the Trustees and Erin explained the expenditures.

Health Insurance Update: Erin met with the Town Manager and he is hopeful that he will be negotiating a new contract for Healthcare for Town Employees.

Humanities Grant Update: Erin asked for volunteer help with a Grant for the Lakes Region Read that will be held starting October 24th. The project which will highlight the book, "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society" and feature a talk by one of the authors, Annie Barrow, could be largely funded by this Grant. Rhetta offered to help in any way she could.

NHLA Conference: Will be held at Attitash. Both Erin and Judy will attend this year, and will be involved in courses to benefit our library.

ILS Software: The Library is currently in need of a major software update, in order to keep our files secure. Erin will be getting more information at the NHLA Conference, on the systems used by other Libraries.

July Meeting Change: This was a tabled until the next meeting.

Old Business:

Chair Lift Update: Work will begin the last week in April to install the system. Erin has been told that it will take approximately a week for the work to be completed.

The Baptist Church: Paul spoke with Errol, at the Baptist Church, but was not able to speak specifically about the issues involved. Paul is working on an evaluation of the property.

Update on the Nichiporuk Memorial Fund: Duncan was in touch with the attorneys handling the Probate of the Will, and the funds should be transferred by the end of June.

Art Show: Laurie reminded us that the Library Art Show will be held May 27th from 5:30- 7:30 p.m. She will be having Hannaford's Supermarket supply the food for the event, and would like all the Trustees to attend.

Update on Staff Meetings: Ann asked Erin if the meetings with the Town Manager were going any better. Erin felt that they were and once again said that if she was unable to go, she would attempt to send Judy in her place.

New Business:

Election of Officers for 2010

Paul Eldridge – Chair

Rhetta Colon – Vice Chair

Duncan McNeish – Treasurer

Maribeth McEwan – Secretary

A motion was made by Ann to accept the list of Officers for 2010, and it was seconded by Duncan. The vote was unanimous in favor of these officers.

Barbara Duffield Memorial Gifts: The family of Barbara Duffield asked Erin how the money that had been donated to the Library had been used. It is believed that they were used for a Lecture Series 10 years ago. Erin was going to investigate this and then send a letter to the family.

Town Employee Picnic: Erin asked if the Library could be closed for two hours on May 12th so that the staff could attend the Town Employee Picnic at Leavitt Park. The Board approved the closing of the Library from 11:30 – 2 p.m. that day.

Rotary Speaker: Erin has been asked to speak at the Rotary Club meeting next month. The Board encouraged her to do this.

Friends of the Library: The Staff will be sponsoring a Tea on April 21st at 3 p.m. to thank The Friends of the Library for all their help.

There being no further business before the Board, Paul entertained a motion for adjournment. A motion was made by Duncan and seconded by Rhetta. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Library Board of Trustees will be held on May 11, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth J. McEwan, Secretary
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