

Meredith Public Library - Board of Trustees

Approved/ June 9, 2009

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting - Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Trustees present: Laurie Brothers, Ann Butler, Vickie Carty, Dell Clough, Rhetta Colon, Paul Eldridge, Duncan McNeish

Others present: Erin Apostolos, Director

Chair Paul called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.

Secretary's Report:

Rhetta made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2009 meeting; Duncan seconded the motion. Vote was unanimously in favor of approval.

Treasurer's Report:

Receipts and expenditures are static; appreciation from securities is holding steady, although the market continues to fluctuate daily.

Director's Report:

Robbery

Meredith Police Officer Robert Nedeau is investigating a theft of DVDs. He will submit his report at the end of the week so that Erin can file an insurance claim to recoup some of the loss. Erin also reported acts of vandalism to library property.

Defibrillator

Erin continues to seek information concerning purchase of said device.

Roof

Erin will continue to contact Girard Leone for a firm starting date to make repairs to the slate roof and the removal of the skylight. Duncan offered the name of a contractor who could sheetrock the area when Mr. Leone is finished.

People Counter

The people counter will be installed next Monday, May 18.

Wall Clock

Erin received a \$125.00 bid from O'Donnell in North Sandwich. Rhetta moved that we accept the bid; Ann seconded it. Vote was unanimous.

Carpenter Bids

Erin has received one bid from Granite State Workforce. Rhetta, Ann and Duncan recommended several carpenters that Erin could call for bids for the following jobs: front book drop, cabinet doors, beam (necessitated by chair lift installation).

Citizens Bank

Erin stated that Citizen's Bank would only give funding to 503 C1 groups, such as the Friends of the Meredith Public Library. Friends' treasurer Barbara Clark will contact them.

Summer Reading Support

Erin will revert to the Standard Summer Reading Program; her original plan to support the soup kitchen with a reading fundraiser fell short of sponsors. She will try again next year.

Chair Lift

Erin, Paul and Garaventa representative Michael Doyle will meet again with the Governor's Compliance Committee in Concord on June 16. They may suggest that the committee visit the library and offer solutions, so that the chair lift can be installed as soon as possible. In the event that the committee rejects the proposal, Ann suggested that we contact the NH Library Trustees Association attorney for assistance with the state committee. Paul agreed. that legal counsel might be necessary.

Support A Best Seller

Patrons may purchase and donate a "best seller" to commemorate their birthday; a bookplate will be placed inside the cover acknowledging the gift and the birthday donor will be the very first person to check out the book.

Old Business:

Meeting Time Decision

Duncan moved that the library trustees meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Rhetta seconded the motion. There were two yea votes, three nay votes, and two abstentions. Motion failed to carry. Dell made a motion to have the meetings held at 6:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. Rhetta seconded the motion, which passed six to one.

Basement Heat

After discussion and varied suggestions, Erin will contact heating and/or window replacement vendors about the persistent lack of heat in the furnace/ storeroom area.

Art Show

Laurie reminded everyone of the First Annual Student Art Show sponsored by the Meredith Public Library Board of Trustees. Artwork will be displayed May 23 to June 6. A reception will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2009 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at which time three prizes will be awarded in each of the following categories: drawing, photography, painting, ceramics and sculpture. First place winners will receive \$25.00; second place winners will receive \$15.00 and third place winners will receive \$10.00.

New Business:

Election of Officers

Duncan moved that the same slate of officers be nominated for 2009-2010; Ann seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Officers of the Meredith Public Library Board of Trustees for the 2009-2010 term are as follows:

Chair, Paul Eldridge, 2012

Vice-Chair, Rhetta Colon, 2012

Secretary, Victoria Carty, 2011

Treasurer, Duncan McNeish, 2012

State Library Directory

Erin requested trustee e-mail addresses for the directory.

Assistant Director Judy Hodges

Erin reported welcome news that Judy is recuperating from recent surgery, has been working at home on book acquisitions and plans to return one day a week beginning the last week of May.

Meredith Public Library and Town Manager Selection

The Trustee Board would like to have one member of its board represent them on the Town Manager selection board. One of the members will convey this request to the Board of Selectmen.

Executive Session

At 5:44 p.m., Paul called for executive session on a matter involving a patron. At 5:53 p.m., Ann made a motion to seal the minutes of executive session for two years and return to public session. Rhetta seconded the motion. The motion carried with five yeas and two abstentions.

State Library Association Conference, Waterville Valley 2009

Ann attended and learned much about the role that library trustees play in supporting the library and its programs. She will provide us with an information sheet, and she also suggested that one or preferably two trustees should attend future sessions. The Friends group may also wish to send representatives to the annual conference.

Capitol Alarm

Capitol Alarm notified Duncan about a possible break-in. It was a false alarm, but Erin and Duncan will investigate further.

Rhetta made a motion to adjourn, which Ann seconded. Vote was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at the Meredith Public Library at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria A. Carty, Secretary
Meredith Public Library Board of Trustees