

Meredith Public Library Trustee Meeting

October 12, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM

Trustees Present: Duncan McNeish, Paul Eldridge, Maribeth McEwan, Ann Butler. Vickie Carty, and Laurie Brothers

Absent with Notice: Rhetta Colon

Others Present: Erin Apostolos, Director, Judy Hodges, Assistant Director

Secretary's Report:

A correction was made to the minutes under the Budget section. At the last meeting, Duncan was asked to speak to Brenda about various things in the Library 2011 budget. A motion was made by Duncan to accept the minutes as corrected. Ann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report:

Duncan gave his report explaining the current balances in the checkbook and other Library accounts.

Library Director's Report:

Lakes Region Reads:

91 people attended the kick-off event for this Autumn's reading program. Next, Annie Barrows will be presenting her program at the Interlakes High School, on October 24, at one o'clock in the afternoon. The presentation will be taped for Interlakes TV.

Danielle Scott Resignation and Friends Update:

Danielle submitted her resignation, as she and her husband are moving to Derry in November. A good-bye gathering will be given for her and Ann will let us know when, so that the Trustees can go to thank Danielle for all her work.

Ann reported that the Library Friends are doing very well selling books through Abe Books Online. To date they have sold \$1600.00 worth of books.

The Garden Club has done great work out front of the library. Erin noted that they will clean the gardens soon and prepare them for the winter.

Barnes and Noble Nook:

The Friends of the Library donated a Barnes and Noble “Nook” E-book reader. Erin has come up with a policy for loaning the Nook out, and the Trustees were given copies of this, and approved.

Temporary Hire:

Brenda got back to Erin that the temporary library help that we will hire during Jessie’s maternity leave will cost us \$3366.24. This will cover the salary and the FICA.

Staff Office Area:

Erin has felt that the staff area behind the desk is getting crowded. She is planning to rearrange things with the hopes that there will be more room for the staff to move around.

Old Business:

Budget Committee Report:

Duncan met with Brenda about the possibility to purchase the ILS this year. Brenda gave him a letter from Phil, asking all departments to maintain a zero increase, level funding for their budgets this year.

The Trustees spoke at length about the need for a new Library Operating System, and how we might accomplish this much needed purchase. Erin was directed to prepare a budget as directed by the Trustees and present it to him on Friday, October 15th. The Trustees will meet with Phil at a later date to iron out any problems.

A motion was made by Ann to send the library budget to Phil for his approval. The motion was seconded by Vickie and the vote passed unanimously.

Baptist Church Update:

Paul reported that his emails to Errol had not been responded to. He will try to get in touch with him again soon.

New Business:

Road Show-Ann. This was tabled until the next meeting.

A motion was made by Duncan to adjourn the meeting and this was seconded by Ann. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maribeth McEwan

Secretary, Meredith Library Board of Trustees