

Meredith Public Library – Board of Trustees

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting – Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Trustees present: Laurie Brothers, Vickie Carty, Rhetta Colon, Paul Eldridge, Duncan McNeish, Jay Tivnan

Others present: Erin Apostolos, Director; Judy Hodges, Assistant Director

The meeting was convened at 4:37 p.m.

Secretary's Report:

Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2008 meeting as presented; Jay seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Duncan explained the report, which indicated no expenditures and good receipts.

Director's Report:

On Thursday, January 8, 2009, the Meredith Select Board indicated that they would pay one-quarter instead of one-half of the total amount due for installation of the library chair lift; their intention now is to add another one-quarter payment in fiscal year 2009-2010. Originally, the Town of Meredith had hoped to contribute half of the installation costs in 2008 –2009.

Duncan made a motion that a pay grade increase for one staff member be considered. Rhetta seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The library trustees will provide refreshments at a ceremony honoring library staff for their years of service. Time and place of the occasion will be determined at a later date.

Erin announced that she received seventy applications for the advertised, part-time library aide position (10 hours per week). Six candidates will be interviewed. Start date for the new employee will be February 1, 2009.

Meredith Town Employees will now have Civil Rights Day off instead of Fast Day.

Old Business:

Vickie moved that we endorse the Prudent Man Rule. Laurie seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Duncan moved that we approve the Investment Policy for the Meredith Public Library. Rhetta seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

As a result of these two votes, Duncan will notify Terry M. Knowles, Assistant Director Charitable Trusts Unit, State of New Hampshire, of our intentions in writing and also forward a copy of the Meredith Public Library Investment Policy to the Attorney General as required.

Paul suggested that we include a “request for donations” for payment of the chair lift in the Chair’s Report, which will be published in the Town Report in March. Paul will e-mail the wording of the request for financial assistance to all trustees. Erin proposed a press release as another means of raising funds for this requisite piece of equipment.

There was no New Business.

A motion to adjourn at 5:28 p.m. was made by Rhetta, seconded by Jay and passed unanimously.

The next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. at the Meredith Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

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