

**Board of Trustees
Abington Public Library**

Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2015

Called to Order: 7:01pm

Attendees: Betty Henderson, Vice Chairman
Laura Nuttall, Recording Secretary
Will Adamczyk
Gerry Haas
Kathy Jones
Barbara McLaughlin
Jake O'Neill
Deborah Grimmett, Library Director

Absent: Henry DiCarlo, Chairman
Gail Bergin

Guest: Mary Gillis

Minutes for the meeting held on February 23, 2015 were reviewed by the board.
MOTION to accept the February 23, 2015 minutes was made by Gerry, seconded by Barbara and accepted unanimously.

Chairman's Report

-Henry is on vacation so Betty will run the meeting.

Library Director's Report

-Monthly financial and statistical report-Gas bill will be over budget this year. Everything else is looking ok. Book budget is on target. There were 41.5 hours lost due to snow days and days that the Library had to be closed because of the snow and ice on the roof. Statistics are not bad considering how much time the Library was closed.

-Programming Update-The Abington Reads programs have not been well attended because of the weather and the Library being closed. The rescheduled Rory Raven program was good and well attended. The change in Toddler Time has been good.

-Friends-The Friends met March 2nd and voted to give the Boosters a \$250.00 donation for the new sign. The book sale is coming up. The Copeland Room will be closed April 7th so that donations can be dropped off and the room can be set up. The preview night for the book sale is April 23 and the general public book sale is April 24 and 25. Anyone who is able to help at the end of the book sale to pack up books and clean up please let Deb know. The Friends are also looking at a joint program with the Dyer on a Sunday next April (2016).

-Other-The staff Wi-Fi will be installed Friday, April 10, 2015. Two hubs will be put in and the system will be secure. A new computer, laptop and printer are being ordered.

Building Issues

-Snow and Ice Issues-Moberg came back to do more work on the snow and ice on the YA Room roof. About \$1,000.00 was spent cutting icicles and securing them so that they would not go through the YA Room windows. The YA Room will remain closed. The Children's Room is ok. The Portico has also sustained damage that will have to be fixed. The insurance company has been out once for damage estimates and they will be coming again after all the snow is gone. There may be gutter damage by the staff room, and the HVAC pipes will have to be checked when the snow is gone. Sandy and all of the staff have done a great job turning on the heat cables and keeping on top of all of the issues this winter.

Current Library Issue

-Staffing-Deb will be taking more time off than anticipated. The part time staff members will be working more hours to cover the open time slots. Deb is going to speak to the Town Manager about adding some substitute positions to cover hours that need to be filled. **MOTION to allow Deb to advertise to add two substitute**

positions to the list of staff was made by Will, seconded by Jake and accepted unanimously. Deb will be taking vacation the week of April school vacation.

-FY15 LSTA Grant “Science is Everywhere”- Maple Sugaring program is scheduled for Wednesday. The Grant report is due April 15, 2015.

-Copeland Room Technology Update-Deb has contacted the sales representative from Ockers about the new technology for the Copeland Room.

-FY16 Budget- The current budget has us sitting at the MAR. Town Meeting has been postponed to June 8, 2015.

-Other-No other update on the Charter.

Old Business

-TAB overnight-The TAB overnight was a great success. There were 25 kids and everyone had a great time. \$425 was spent on supplies and food.

New Business

-No new business to discuss.

Next Meetings:

April 13, 2015-Regular Meeting to be posted for 7:00 pm.

MOTION to Adjourn at 7:47 pm was made by Gerry, seconded by Will and accepted unanimously.