

**Abington Public Library**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**June 8, 2010**

Chairman Henry DiCarlo called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Betty Henderson, Gail Bergin, Laura Nuttall, Kathy Jones, Will Adamczyk, Gerry Haas, and Acting Director Deborah Grimmer.

Town Manager John D'Agostino was a visitor. He met the members of the Board and gave us an overview of his ideas. He favors equitable, across-the-board reductions in future years if necessary. He thanked us for the opportunity to meet with him and left.

**MOTION:** To accept the minutes of May 18, 2010 as corrected was made by Will, seconded by Gerry and accepted unanimously.

Chairman's Report: Henry reported that the letter and check for \$7,899.02 in state aid had arrived. He thanked the group who participated in the police sponsored walk for Park and Rec. The librarian at Abington High School is redoing the collection development policy for the school.

Acting Director's Report: The accounts are in decent shape. We have saved a little from LIG because Emily Miranda (Children's Librarian) resigned. The amount for lost books was capped at \$1000 and went over by \$123.62 which will be returned to the town. Next year the cap will be \$1500. There are two electric bills left for FY'10. One is accrued and the amount remaining will go to the General Fund. Most of the expense money will be expended, but a small amount will go back to the town. Colonial will treat six spots on the carpet because we cannot get the entire carpet cleaned this year. The book budget is okay.

Circulation is down for May. The weather has been good, and the library has been open fewer hours (a 10% cut). Computer use is also down because evening hours have been cut. (Deborah reports this is a trend in all libraries.) Monday mornings see people standing in line to use the computers. Deborah noted that our circulation is still busier than corresponding size neighboring towns.

The summer reading program will go on. There will be no adult programming this summer. In the fall the Friends of the Library plan a historical program for adults. We will also try to have a gardening program with Les Wyman in the fall.

The Friends requested some input from the Board on the wording for the "Mary Lane Clock" in the Copeland Room. This will be installed by ID Graphics and dedicated next fall. The Friends will pay for this. They are now working on a newsletter.

Fundraising: The donation jar at the Circ desk collected \$714.50. The Donlan family donated \$600 worth of adult and children's books in honor of Mary's 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

There were no new building issues.

Current Library Issues: John D'Agostino planned a presentation on cable TV to explain the impact of an over-ride. **MOTION:** To support an over-ride in favor of the library was made by Kathy, seconded by Gerry and passed unanimously.

The Budget Reduction Impact Statement FY'10 to FY'11 will be sent to John D'Agostino. (See attached) There is no children's librarian. If the over-ride is successful several programs will be added to the summer reading program. We will look to replace the children's librarian if the over-ride passes. If the over-ride fails we will have to discuss the impact on the LSTA grant, the Target grant and the fall book clubs. Will the school visits continue? We will discuss these issues in July.

**MOTION:** To authorize Deborah to begin the search for a children's librarian if the over-ride is successful was made by Gerry, seconded by Betty and passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** To approve an additional expenditure of \$2100 from the Lincoln Fund was made by Will, seconded by Laura and approved unanimously.

Old Business: The new open-meeting law goes into effect July 1, 2010. This will be circulated by e-mail and read before the July meeting.

New Business: There are two programs for the OCLN Language Learning Software—Mango (\$994 for a subscription) and Bikey (\$637). The consensus favored Mango because it contains more language and better interfaces. The network will vote 6/17. SEMLSS is gone and there is a new single region—MLS (Mass Library System). The first executive director is Gregory Pronevitz, effective 7/1/2010.

The next meeting will be July 19, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

**MOTION:** To adjourn was made by Gerry, seconded by Betty, and passed unanimously at 9:25pm.