

Board of Trustees
Abington Public Library

Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2015

Called to Order: 7:03pm

Attendees: Henry DiCarlo, Chairman
Betty Henderson, Vice Chairman
Laura Nuttall, Recording Secretary
Will Adamczyk
Gail Bergin
Gerry Haas
Barbara McLaughlin
Deborah Grimmitt, Library Director
Absent: Kathy Jones
Jake O'Neill

Minutes for the meeting held on January 12, 2015 were reviewed by the board.

MOTION to accept the January 12, 2015 minutes was made by Barbara, seconded by Betty and accepted unanimously, with one abstention.

Chairman's Report

-Henry passed around a thank you note from Sue Durand for the Edible Arrangements that the Trustees had sent to her.

-On February 5th the waiver was granted for State Aid. The APL will be receiving two payments of State Aid and the first check will be for \$10,408.20.

-Kathy Jones has decided not to run for re-election this year. Mary Gillis has taken out papers to run for Kathy's seat on the Board.

-Henry received information on the Trustee's Legislative Breakfast. If anyone would like to go to the Breakfast, please see Henry.

Library Director's Report

-Monthly financial and statistical report-Budget is going ok. Fines were not being collected for the past few weeks due to the storms and the Library being closed. Circulation for January was not that bad. The numbers were down but not by much.

-Programming Update-The Abington Reads Calendar of Events has been released. The lecture by Rory Raven that was canceled has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 4 at 7:00. Lots of story times have been canceled due to the weather.

-Friends-The Friends meeting was canceled due to the weather.

-Other-The Legislative Breakfast went very well on February 6th. Mary Gillis spoke at the Breakfast and she did a great job.

-Other-Deb and Sandy went to a training session on the new platforms for e-books.

Building Issues

-Snow and Ice Issues-The APL has incurred significant damage to the building due to the snow and ice on the roof. There are leaks in Deb's office, the Children's Room, and the YA Room. The computer and printer in Deb's office were destroyed by water damage. Wayne Norling was able to get all the information on Deb's computer transferred to a laptop that Deb is borrowing from Wayne until she can get a new one. So far only 2 books have been damaged. For two days, Elliot Tree Service and Moberg both worked to get snow and ice off the roof. The cost of these services will be included in the town's snow removal budget. Damage was done to the gates in the Children's Garden when the heavy equipment was brought in to get the snow off the roof. There may also be damage to the HVAC system due to the large amount of snow that was taken off the roof and piled on to the pipes. Thank you to all the staff and their families for helping to move books, move furniture, shovel snow, knock down icicles, put up tarps, and check on the building the last few weeks.

Current Library Issue

-Staffing-Deb will be taking a week off, and then will have to take some time off for the next six weeks. Staff members have been lined up to cover all the programs and hour that she will be off. Any overtime costs will come out of State Aid.

-FY15 Waiver Application-The waiver was granted.

-Town Charter Review-The report of the Charter Review Committee is on the website.

-FY15 LSTA Grant "Science is Everywhere"-Things are going very well. All the programs have been well attended. The Maple Sugaring program for March may need to be rescheduled because of the snow.

-Copeland Room Technology Update-Deb has received two bids so far for different projectors for the Copeland Room. One bid is for \$14,903.67 and the other is for \$5,134. Wayne is going to help Deb with this project.

-FY16 Budget-Nothing has changed with the budget. The current budget has us sitting at the MAR.

Old Business

-Service Dogs-Deb is still working with the Insurance Company to get everything in place so we can start the Service Dogs Program. Deb is hoping to get the program up and running by the end of the school year or over the summer vacation.

-TAB overnight-The TAB overnight is scheduled for March 13, 2015. Deb will not be staying overnight, but Heidi, Amy and Sandy will. Planning for the night has begun.

-FY17 Strategic Plan Survey-The Strategic Plan Survey has been put on hold for a while. We have a second year of grace so that the planning can be put off for a year.

New Business

-FY17 Strategic Plan Community Planning Committee-The Strategic Plan Survey and Community Planning Committee has been put on hold for a while.

-Revolving Fund Articles-The Selectmen have opened the Warrant and it will be closed on Friday, February 27, 2015. **MOTION to submit the two Revolving Fund Articles for the 2015 Annual Town Meeting was made by Will, seconded by Gail and accepted unanimously.**

Next Meetings:

March 16, 2015-Regular Meeting to be posted for 7:00 pm.

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

MOTION to Adjourn at 8:06 pm was made by Will, seconded by Gerry and accepted unanimously.