

**Board of Trustees
Abington Public Library**

Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2014

Called to Order: 7:02pm

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

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Copies of the February 10, 2014 minutes were not available to be viewed and voted on. They will be voted on at the next meeting.

Chairman's Report

-April Election-Christina McMahon has decided not to run for re-election to the Board of Library Trustees. Thank you to Christina for all your years of service on the Board. Barbara McLaughlin, wife of Jim McLaughlin a former Library Trustee, will be running for the open position. Jake did not get his nomination papers in on time so he will be running as a write-in candidate.

-Other-The meeting with the Finance Committee, Town Manager and Accountant went well.

-Other-The publicity in the Mariner has been good for the Penny Drive.

-Other-Lauren Budd, Children's Librarian has taken a new position at the Arlington Public Library. Her last day will be March 21, 2014. Thank you Lauren for all that you have done at the Abington Public Library. You will be missed by all!

Library Director's Report

-Financial and Statistical Reports-There has been a significant increase in the gas and electric bills this year because of the cold weather. The energy saving lights do not appear to be saving any money. There were 14 lost hours in January and 14 lost hours in February due to snow. The people count and website usage was up in February.

-Programming-Kids story times are full and going ok. When Lauren leaves, Deb will do the Thursday story times and Sandy will do the toddler times. There will be no more Saturday story times for now. Judy and Deb will handle the school visits when they come to tour the Library. June 23rd will be the kick off for the Summer Reading Program. A babysitting course given by 4H will be held at the Library on April 24th from 12-5.

-Friends-The next Friends meeting is Monday, March 17. The book sale will be April 25-27; donations will be accepted starting March 25th.

-Other-Got Books went out of business. The Health Agent has found a new company, Big Hearted Books that will take used books. The funds will not go to the Library.

Building Issues

-Roof-The roof has been fixed.

-Plumbing-The plumber is waiting for some parts to come in then he will fix the hot water heater and the faucets.

-Counter-Jim Batson has measured the counter in Tech Services and he will be installing it at the same time the plumbing gets done.

-Locksmith-The key broke in the staff restroom door so the lock needed to be repaired.

Current Library Issues

-FY15 budget-Deb had a positive meeting with the financial team. As the weeks go on she will know if the budget numbers will change.

-Abington Reads 2014-Only 2 people were at the movies that were shown. The program by Chris Daily had 15 people attend. The Mystery Cooking program is not full yet. On March 20, Deb will hold a discussion on the book Defending Jacob.

-School-Library Cooperation-The final part of Abington Reads 2014 is a visit by William Landay, the author of Defending Jacob. He will speak at the Abington High School during the day and in the evening he will speak at the Library.

-Target Grant-The new chairs have arrived.

-Other-Art work from the students in the Abington Schools is on display in the Library for the month of March.

Old Business

-FY15 LSTA Grant-The application is almost complete. The draft should be back on March 21 and Deb will take over since Lauren will be gone. July is when we find out if the grant has been awarded to us.

-Donation-Lions Club-The pennies are rolling in! Deb, Laura, Heidi and a few others will be marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade with the Lions Club. Also, the Boston Globe has called Deb about the penny collection.

-Personnel Reviews-The personnel reviews will get done, but the priority will be filling the Children's Librarian position.

New Business

-Children's Librarian Position Vacancy-New language has been added to the Position Vacancy announcement thanks to the help of the Town Manager. A Town of Abington Employment application will need to be filled out by applicants that will be sent to Town Hall. Deb also spoke with the Town Manager about the salary scale for the position.

-Children's Librarian Job Description-New language has been added to the Job Description. It will be sent to the people who will be interviewed for the job.

MOTION to approve the revised Children's Librarian Job Description was made by Christina, seconded by Gerry and accepted unanimously.

-TAB after- hours event-The Minute to Win it after hours event on Feb. 14 was very successful. Twenty-four TAB members attended. A Hunger Games themed night is being planned for Friday, June 27 from 5-7. **MOTION to have an after-hours program on Friday, June 27 from 5-7 was made by Gail, seconded by Betty and accepted unanimously.**

-Summer Hours-**MOTION to close the Library on Saturdays for the summer beginning June 21, 2014 and resuming Saturday hours on September 6, 2014 was made by Laura, seconded by Gerry and accepted unanimously.**

MOTION to close the Library at 5:00pm on July 3, 2014 was made by Gerry, seconded by Christina and accepted unanimously.

-Other-SAGE has requested story times at the Farmer's Market this summer.

The Next Board Meeting will be held

April 7th-Regular Meeting to be posted for 7:00pm

MOTION to adjourn at 8:36pm was made by Gerry, seconded by Christina and accepted unanimously.