

**Abington Public Library  
Board of Trustees**

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 19, 2012

Called to Order: 7:12

Attendees:

- ✓ Henry DiCarlo, Chairman
- ✓ Betty Henderson, Vice Chairman
- ✓ Jake O'Neill, Recording Secretary
- ✓ Will Adamczyk
- ✓ Christina McMahon
- ✓ Kathleen Jones
- ✓ Gail Bergin
- ✓ Laura Nuttall
- ✓ Gerry Haas
- ✓ Deb Grimmett, Library Director

Minutes for meeting held on February 13, 2012 were reviewed by the board. **MOTION to accept the February minutes was made by Laura, seconded by Gerry and accepted unanimously with one abstention.**

### **Chairman's Report**

- The Library Director removed herself from the room for the following discussion. The Board had a discussion about recent information concerning the creation of a union for management personnel in the town.

### **Library Director's Report**

- Financials – The financials are on target. The staff will be focusing on buying books.
- Circulation – February circulation was way up compared to 2011 and last month. The computer usage and patron count are also up compared to last month and last year. Circulation in March showed the same trends as those for February.
- Programming – The children's programming is going along well. The snowflake and heart crafts were very popular.
- The 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary concert has been scheduled with Sweet Adelines and South Shore Men of Harmony for Sunday January 27<sup>th</sup> 2013.
- Gifts Updates – The dedication of the new reading corner is not yet scheduled. The staff is looking into buying two magazine racks for the children's room
- The town is upgrading the software for vouchers which will allow the library staff to directly enter vouchers.

### **Building Update**

- The library will be using Arrowwood for Story Garden maintenance and cost will be the same.
- Girl Scout troop 80304 will be at the library on Monday to remove moss from garden bricks.

### **Current Library Issues**

- The budget process is moving and the budget total in the warrant is what we expected.
- LSTA Teen/Tween Grant Update. The TAB will host a Hunger Games event on Wednesday March 28<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9 pm.
- They were contacted by Evan Cordeiro from Brockton who is working with getting books to incarcerated teens and would like help from TAB who will look into doing a book drive.

- TAB will be helping with kids events with the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup>
- The library received feedback on the grant application which they will revise and resubmit.

### **Old Business**

- Personnel By-Law – The general by-laws are ready to be presented at the upcoming Town Meeting.

### **New Business**

- Summer Reading – Artwork has been received
- The trustees reviewed the Job Descriptions for the Reference Library and Administrator in Absence of the Library Director with recent updates. The job descriptions will be modified and voted on at a future meeting.

### **The Next Board Meeting will be held**

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Town Meeting 6:45**

**April 9<sup>th</sup> – Regular meeting**

**May 14<sup>th</sup> - Regular meeting**

**MOTION to Adjourn @ 9:03 pm was made by Will, seconded by Jake and accepted unanimously.**