

**Abington Public Library
Board of Trustees**

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 7, 2014

Called to Order: 7:05

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 Grimmer, Library Director

Minutes for meeting held in February were reviewed by the board. **MOTION to accept the February minutes was made by Gerry, seconded by Kathy and accepted unanimously with 1 abstaining.**

Minutes for meeting held in March were reviewed by the board. **MOTION to accept the March minutes was made by Kathy, seconded by Betty and accepted unanimously with 1 abstaining.**

Chairman's Report

- Betty and Barbara McLaughlin have both submitted nomination papers to run for Library Trustee. Jake will be running as a write-in candidate for the third as he didn't submit his paper work in time.
- Town Meeting was moved to June 9th.
- A charter review committee will be established this year. Five volunteers are being sought for the position. Notify Shawn Reilly if you are interested.

Library Director's Report

- Financials – The financials for the year to date are in good shape. The gas and electric line items will be close and the book budget has only \$2000 remaining so it will be fine.
- Circulation – The April numbers were higher than previous month and previous year. The website hits were twice last month which may due to the children's librarian job ad.
- Programming – School visits still occurring even with no children's librarian.
- TAB Meeting had 30 members in attendance at the last meeting. Moving forward, Chris will help with TAB.
- FOTL – working on the upcoming book sale on April 25th and 26th. Donations are ahead of schedule.

Building Update

- Hot water heater has been fixed and the faucets are in process.
- Report on the roof shows it is in good shape other than some lichens that need to be removed.

Current Library Issues

- There is no indication from Town Hall or Town Manager as to the FY15 budget.

- Abington Reads was well attended with 47 people at the author talk. The high school program was also well attended. Other events in February were impacted by weather conditions.
- Target Grant – Furniture purchased through the Kennedy Family donation. Waiting to get iPad mounts installed.
- LSTA Grant – signed and sent out.

Old Business

- The Lions Penny drive kicked off at the parade and 63,000 pennies collected.
- Children's Librarian – Almost 20 resumes were received for the position. The candidates were narrowed down and several will run story hours at the library in the coming weeks.

New Business

- The Trustees reviewed a new policy for the Library Programs. Deb will finalize a draft based on the discussion and will bring it to a future meeting.
- Summer Reading Program will include the potential adoption of three toed sloths and penguins. The schedule is being assembled and the Kick Off is June 19th at 2 pm.

The Next Board Meeting will be held

Elections April 26th

May 19th – Regular Meeting to be posted for 7:00 PM

June 9th - Trustees Meeting meeting to be posted at 6:30 PM before Town Meeting at 7:00 PM

MOTION to Adjourn @ 8:39 pm was made by Will, seconded by Gerry and accepted unanimously.