

Abington Public Library

Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2016

Called to Order: 6:59pm

Attendees: Henry DiCarlo, Chairman
Betty Henderson, Vice Chairman
Laura Nuttall, Recording Secretary
Gail Bergin
Mary Gillis
Gerry Haas
Barbara McLaughlin
Carrie Murray
Jake O'Neill
Deborah Grimmett, Library Director

Reorganization of the Board: Conducted by Library Director Deborah Grimmett

MOTION to nominate Henry DiCarlo as Chairman was made by Jake, seconded by Gerry and accepted unanimously.

MOTION to nominate Betty Henderson as Vice Chairman was made by Jake, seconded by Barbara and accepted unanimously.

MOTION to nominate Laura Nuttall as Secretary was made by Jake, seconded by Mary and accepted unanimously.

Payroll Committee-Betty Henderson

All other Committee positions will be decided next meeting.

Minutes for the meeting held on April 11, 2016 were reviewed by the board.

MOTION to accept the April 11, 2016 minutes was made by Betty, seconded by Gail and accepted unanimously with one abstention.

Chairman's Report

-Thank you to Will Adamczyk for all his years of service and welcome to our newly elected member Carrie Murray.

-MBLC and MLS are sponsoring Trustee Orientation Meetings. The closest meeting is in Canton on June 9, 2016. Deb will send information with dates and times for anyone who would like to attend.

Library Director's Report

-Monthly financial and statistical reports-All the money that needs to be spent has been spent. Circulation is up over last April. Museum pass usage was up.

- Programming Update- Summer Reading Calendar is being put together. Deb has added some Adult Summer Reading Programs in response to the Strategic Plan Survey. Preschool story times are finishing up.

-Friends-The Book Sale went well. They made somewhere between twenty-four and twenty-five hundred dollars. The number of people at the sale was about the same as last year. Thanks to the TAB kids who helped put up and take down the tables. Friends will not meet again until September.

-Staffing Update-Chris has taken a full time position at the Sharon Public Library. Chris's fifteen hour a week non-union position became available just as Barbara told Deb that she would like to reduce her hours, so she has taken his position. Liz is going to take Barbara's twenty-five hour a week union position and the 21 hour union position is going to be posted. Judy Condon the Reference Librarian has decided to retire. Judy works fourteen hours a week and the position is a ten month non-union position. Thank you to Judy and Chris for all of your service to the APL. You will be missed!

-Other-Deb has been talking to Pete Serino the AHS Athletic Director about parking issues. There is a large track meet scheduled the night B.A. Shapiro is speaking and parking is going to be tight with both events going on. Spectators for the track meet will be asked to go to the High School parking lot so that space will be available for Library patrons.

Building Issues

- Updating the Copeland Room-May 31, 2016 the Copeland Room will be closed so that it can be repainted. It will take about three weeks. Andy will install the new lights before Bob begins painting.
- Roof Issues-Moberg will be coming to fix the roof at the end of June or the beginning of July.
- Study Rooms- Deb will be picking out colors with Helene some time soon.

Current Library Issues

- Strategic Planning-The Strategic Plan is due October 1, 2016. Deb has distributed the first draft and is looking for comments or corrections before the next meeting.
- Abington Reads 2016-B.A. Shapiro will be speaking at AHS on May 12, 2016 and over one hundred students have signed up to listen to her speak. She will be speaking at the APL at 7:00pm.
- Impact of New School Construction-Spaces for parking for the construction workers are going to be painted yellow in the Library parking lot. This will help keep the spots close to the building open for the patrons.
- Summer Reading Program-The Summer Reading Schedule is just about finished and will be available soon. Kick-off is June 21, 2016.

Old Business

- FY17 Budget-The budget is still at the MAR.
- Recognition Wall-The proofs have come back and Deb and the staff looked them over. They have been sent back to have the plaques made. An event on a Sunday in the fall will be planned for the Dedication of the Recognition Wall.

New Business

-Summer Saturday Closing Dates-AHS graduation is Saturday, June 4 and with parking being such an issue it may be easier to close the Library that day.

MOTION to modify the Saturday closing date starting June 4, 2016 was made by Carrie, seconded by Barbara and accepted unanimously.

-Study Room Policy-**MOTION to approve the amended Study Room Policy was made by Jake, seconded by Betty and accepted unanimously.**

-Touch-a-Truck-June 21st is the opening day of Summer Reading. Last year's opening day featured a Touch-a-Truck event that worked out very well. Deb is going to reach out to the Chief's and Department Heads about participating in this year's event.

Next Meeting:

June 6, 2016-Town Meeting to be posted for 6:45pm at AHS.

July 18, 2016-Regular Meeting to be posted for 7:00pm.

September 12, 2016-Regular Meeting to be posted for 7:00pm.

MOTION to Adjourn at 8:30 pm was made by Gerry, seconded by Carrie and accepted unanimously.