

Abington Public Library Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 30, 2012

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

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 June 18, 2012 were reviewed by the board. **MOTION to accept June minutes was made by Betty, seconded by Gail and accepted unanimously.**

Chairman's Report

Thanks to Susan and Sandy for taking over while Deb was on vacation. Thanks to Arrowood for cleaning up the garden. The Daylily sale went well and a check for \$300.00 was received from Jack and Kathy Bailey. On July 12 the Library was notified that we were awarded the "On the Same Page" grant. The grant is for \$7,500 and begins October 1. A thank you note was received from the Tricentennial Committee thanking the TAB members and all of the Library Staff who helped out at the 300th Anniversary celebration on June 23.

Library Director's Report

-Monthly and FY'12 Financials and Statistical Reports- The fiscal year ended on June 30, 2012 and about \$300.00 was returned to the Town. June circulation was very good! The numbers were up 20% over last year and it is the first time the circulation was over 100,000.

-Programming Update- Summer reading program is winding down. The Toe Jam Band had the Copeland room filled to capacity and the show was great. Fall book club sign-ups will begin in September.

-Friends of the Library- Friends are not meeting this month so there is no news.

-Other- COA has asked Deb to write an article for the Senior Informer.

Building Issues

-Emergency Lights- All the new emergency lights have been installed at a cost of \$2,400.00. The old lights are still in place and working and will stay there until they stop working then all the old lights will be taken down.

-HVAC- The air conditioning has not been working consistently. There does not seem to be a major mechanical problem so it may be a computer issue. As the problems arise the HVAC repair company has been called to keep track of the problems.

Current Library Issues

-LSTA On the Same Page grant- The grant was awarded and programs will be scheduled at the schools, Dyer Memorial Library and Senior Center.

-LSTA Teens/Tweens Grant update- The Teen/Tweens Grant is ending in September. A Star Wars Program and Cooking Program have been scheduled in September. TAB now has about 45 members. A Ukulele has been put into circulation due to the popularity of the program in July.

-Town Accounting Software Update- Software is working it is just taking some time to get used to it. The new Town Accountant has been helpful.

Old Business

-State Aid Budget for FY'13- \$47,220.94 is the total amount for FY'13.

-Library Website- The meeting with Tom Rose went well. He is looking at Joomla! for the new site and is looking for feedback from staff and patrons as to which web sites they like.

-Energy Audit- The energy audit was missing the third page so Deb has requested a new copy from National Grid. She will get back to the Board with the recommendations.

New Business

-Group Visit Policy-MOTION to approve the Group Visit Policy was made by Christina, seconded by Kathy and accepted unanimously.

-Tricentennial update and Fox 25 Zip Trip- Fox 25 News Zip Trip will be in Abington on August 3rd. The news crew will be reporting live from 6am-10am.

-Red Cross Blood Drive Request- The Red Cross has requested to set up a BloodMobile truck in the parking lot of the Library and set up a table inside the Library for filling out paperwork on Friday, September 28. A consensus of the Board was that this would be good PR.

-Other-Congratulations to Ms. Emily, the former Children's Librarian, on her promotion. Justin Shannahan from the Cable Company is looking into putting together kits of video equipment for the public to check out of the Library. Weatherbug, a website that reports on the weather in your area, might be a nice thing to put in the new website.

Next Meeting Date

September 17th- Regular meeting to be posted for 7:00 pm.

MOTION to Adjourn @8:50 pm was made by Gerry, seconded by Kathy and accepted unanimously.