

**Board of Trustees  
Abington Public Library**

Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2014

Called to Order: 7:01pm

Attendees: Henry DiCarlo, Chairman  
Betty Henderson, Vice Chairman  
Laura Nuttall, Recording Secretary  
Will Adamczyk  
Gerry Haas  
Kathy Jones  
Barbara McLaughlin  
Deborah Grimmer, Library Director  
Absent: Gail Bergin  
Jake O'Neill  
Guest: Peter Schafer

Minutes for the meeting held on July 14, 2014 were reviewed by the board. **MOTION to accept the July 14, 2014 minutes was made by Betty, seconded by Gerry and accepted unanimously.**

-Peter Schafer, Superintendent of the Abington Public Schools, spoke to the board about the proposed co-located Middle/High School with Pre-K. It has been a 2 year process to get to this point. The Abington School Building Committee has worked very hard with the State and the Town Manager to come up with the best plan for the children of Abington. If the Town Meeting vote on September 27, 2014 passes, a ballot election on October 18, 2014 will be held. If the ballot passes, grades K-2 will be at the Beaver Brook Elementary, grades 3-4 will be at the Woodsdale, grades 5-8 would be on one wing on the new Middle/High School and Pre-K and grades 9-12 will be on another wing of the new Middle/High School. The Frolio School will be Administration Offices. The new Middle/High School will hold 1,115 students.

**Chairman's Report**

-Sue Durand's mom passed away this week.

**Library Director's Report**

-Monthly financial and statistical report-Financially everything is going ok. Circulation is way down for July and August. The people count has been steady. A request to try and get more copies of Best Sellers so that patrons do not have to wait so long was made.

-FY 14 State Aid Expenditure Report-\$18,444.69 has been expended from State Aid.

-FY 14 Trust Fund Report-\$80.73 has been expended from Trust Fund Accounts.

-Fall Programming-Story Hour registration begins Sept. 17. There will be 2 Toddler Times on Wednesday mornings. There will be no more drop in story hours on Monday's instead there will be drop in Toddler Times on Monday Mornings with Sandy. Adult programs include Random Movie Nights, a program by Bill Moss called "A Fireman of 1899" and a visit by Michael Blanding the author of "The Map Thief".

-2014-2015 Public School Class Visits-Class visits start September 23.

-New OCLN Catalog update-OCLN has a new catalog that is easy to use. Lots of good search features for patrons to find book, CD's, and Audio books. All the Libraries will be on the new system by October 1.

-Lions Service Summit-The Lions held a Service Summit in August. Rosie gave a presentation to the group about what the Friends do for the Library and the community.

### **Building Issues**

-Nothing to report at this time.

### **Current Library Issue**

-FY15 Budget-There will be no Fall Town Meeting so the Library cannot submit an article for the \$5,212 that is needed for the MAR.

-Fall Special Town Meeting-The Fall Special Town Meeting will be on Saturday, September 27, 2014 at 10:00am. **MOTION to open the Library from 12:30pm-5:00pm on Saturday, September 27, 2014 was made by Will, seconded by Betty and accepted unanimously.**

-Summer Reading Program-The summer reading program went very well this year. The new Adult on-line portion of the program was very popular.

-Town Charter Review-Deb, Henry and the Town Manager are working with the Charter Review Committee on wording regarding the relationship between the Board of Library Trustees and the Town Manager. There was also discussion about the need for a contract for the Library Director.

-FY15 LSTA Grant "Science is Everywhere"-The grant begins October 1 and programs will begin in late November. Abington received a \$7,500 Elementary School STEM grant.

-Lions Club Penny Campaign-There are about 900,000 pennies now. A penny extravaganza is planned for Sunday, November 16 to view the one million pennies that have been collected.

### **Old Business**

**-FY15 State Aid Budget Proposal-MOTION to spend \$8,000.00 for Salaries and \$15,000.00 for Expenses from State Aid was made by Will, seconded by Barbara and accepted unanimously.**

**-Public Copy Machine-Everyone is happy with the public copy machine so far.**

#### **New Business**

**-FY15 Trust Fund Proposal-There are no proposed expenditures for the Trust Funds at this time. Trust Fund money may need to be used for the HVAC repairs.**

**-FY16 Action Plan Update Overview-The FY16 Action Plan will need to be voted on in the November Trustee meeting. Anyone who has input for the Action Plan should talk to Deb before the November meeting.**

#### **Next Meetings:**

**October 20, 2014 –Regular Meeting to be posted for 7:00 pm.**

**November 17, 2014-Regular Meeting to be posted for 7:00 pm.**

**MOTION to Adjourn at 9:00 pm was made by Will, seconded by Gerry and accepted unanimously.**