

Abington Public Library
Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 19, 2010

Called to Order: 7:19

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, Acting Library Director

Minutes for meeting held on June 8, 2010 were reviewed. **MOTION to accept June 8th minutes was made by Gerry, seconded by Laura and accepted unanimously.**

Chairman's Report

- Daylily sale was held and the Library received \$370 for the story garden fund.

Acting Director's Report

- Financials – The library finished FY '10 spending \$1.15 over on the salary line and \$733.18 under on the expense line. The book budget was completely spent. It is still too early in FY '11 to draw any conclusions but the OCLN line item along with other contract items are spent as usual.

The board discussed how much money will need to be spent from State Aid to supplement the library salary budget. Deb indicated that a total of \$43,500 would be necessary to keep the library open the required hours.

A Motion was made Gail to authorize up to \$43,500 from state aid to be used for library staff salaries. It was seconded by Gerry and accepted unanimously. Two trustees abstained from the vote for personal reasons.

- Circulation – Over the desk circulation down in June mostly due to the cut in hours of operation. Year end FY '10 numbers show increase in most areas except over the desk checkouts but it is up on a per hour basis.

Programming Report

- A total of 260 kids have signed up for the summer reading program with a total of 396 hours of reading completed to date with the teens being the largest group.

- South Shore Astronomers program has been cancelled because it became too much of a logistical problem due to the elimination of the Park and Recreation Department.

Fundraising Programs

- Gift Jar has still been popular and almost \$1,000 has been raised. A press release will be sent out when it reaches \$1,000.

- Other fund raising ideas were discussed by the Board including a read-a-thon associated with the release of the new Harry Potter movie.

Building Update

- There has been an issue with the A/C in two areas of the building but it has been worked out.

Current Library Issues

- FY '11 Budget. The budget subcommittee met to discuss service reduction options. The board discussed the recommendations. Library will be closed on Fridays and Monday evenings and the library will close earlier on Saturdays. These changes will keep the library open 40.5 hours per week. The library will be open on Saturdays from September 11th through May 28th. Visits to the public schools will be cut along with trips to the Senior Center. These are the most labor intensive activities.

- The board received a letter from Library Staff who are concerned about the vacant position of Children's Librarian. The staff doesn't want the board to pay contractors or use volunteers to do story hours.

- **The Board received a letter from the Library union staff members who are concerned about the vacant position of Children's Librarian. In keeping with the educational requirements of this professional union position, the Abington Library Staff Association is notifying the Board that it objects to paid contractors or volunteers conducting story hours.**

- The LSTA grant of \$11,000 was approved but is awaiting approval of the federal budget. Sandy will be the Project Director and they are working on how the work will be completed including setting up a Teen advisory committee.

Old Business

- OCLN will not be purchasing language learning software for the time being. Abington Public Library may look into getting donations to purchase the software for the library.

New Business

- The library received a letter from a law firm concerning the legality of our meeting room policy. The policy was modified and the new version was reviewed by the board.

A Motion was made by Will to approve the modified Meeting Room Policy pending acceptance by the town council. It was seconded by Laura and accepted unanimously.

Next Board Meetings to be held on September 13th at 7:00 pm

Motion to Adjourn @ 9:31 p.m. was made by Gerry, seconded by Will and accepted unanimously.