

**Abington Public Library
Board of Trustees
November 15, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chairman Henry DiCarlo. Present were Betty Henderson, Gail Bergin, Laura Nuttall, Gerry Haas, Will Adamczyk, Kathy Jones, and Acting Director Deborah Grimmett.

Motion: To approve the minutes of 9/13/2010 with minor corrections was made by Will, seconded by Laura, and approved unanimously.

Motion: To approve the minutes of 10/25/2010 with minor corrections was made by Kathy, seconded by Betty, and approved unanimously.

The Chairman reported that the Union is at the end of their contract and they will be negotiating a health care split for the new contract.

The Acting Director reported that the \$9,000 from Town Meeting went into the full-time salary line. The Books/Materials line has been expended more than 50% and the Board will discuss taking money from trust funds at a later date.

The library's total circulation is down, but the circulation/hour is up. There are no school class visits. The library is busier than it was a year ago, with fewer bodies to serve patrons.

The children's holiday program Red vs. the Wolf will be presented by the Abington High School Drama Club on November 20th at 10:15. The Monday morning drop-in story hour has low numbers. The program about statues was informative and interesting and had a good turnout. The Friends of the Library have decided on the dates for their spring book sale: 4/28 Preview for Friends, 4/29 12:30-4:30, and 4/30 10-2. The Friends have decided on the wording for the plaque for the Mary E. Lane clock and the plaque has been ordered. The sign for Joyce Lee Bumpus will also be installed at the same time.

The Legislative Breakfast, sponsored by OCLN (taking over from SEMLS), will be held in February probably in Milton or Randolph. The Friends will make a \$50 donation and the trustees will discuss a \$50 donation at our next meeting.

Patrons are still contributing money in the jar. "Fines for Soldiers" should add up to \$600-\$700.

The Town Manager has signed a fire alarm contract with Simplex for the Town Hall and library with funding coming from the Town Hall. Deb and Henry will discuss the role of the trustees with the Town Manager.

Three emergency light batteries were replaced. Sixteen "EXIT" signs are no longer lighting unless the power is on and these batteries will be replaced soon.

The town has received the money from the grant for Teens and Tweens. There is a teen advisory board meeting planned for 11/30 at 5:30 with pizza. Notices were sent to the Frolio and Abington High School to publicize this board.

The Action Plan—FY'12 was submitted to the Board of Library Commissioners and will be posted on the library web site. There is a free survey for parents and teens to get input from those not using the library.

MOTION: to approve action plan as submitted was made by Gerry, seconded by Gail and approved unanimously.

Deborah is working on the FY'12 budget but hasn't received any specific guidelines. The consensus was to submit a first-pass budget fully funding the position of Children's Librarian, restoring the third assistant librarian position, and an expense budget which realistically covers expenses.

The Town of Abington must file two lawsuits against Martha Coakley, who administers all trust funds. This must be done to broaden the language in the wills due to technological changes to pursue the intent of the donors.

MOTION: To file the necessary paper work to remove restrictions from the EK Nash and Jenny Lincoln Trust Funds was made by Will, seconded by Gail, and approved unanimously.

MOTION: to approve the Acting Director's changes to the volunteer policy was made by Betty, seconded by Kathy, and approved unanimously.

MOTION: to approve the Wireless Internet Use Policy revisions was made by Kathy, seconded by Will, and approved unanimously.

MOTION: to approve the Acting Director's proposal to expend up to \$12,000 on books from trust funds was made by Kathy, seconded by Gail, and approved unanimously.

The next meeting will be January 10, 2011.

MOTION: to adjourn at 8:45 was made by Gerry, seconded by Will and passed unanimously.