

**Board of Library Trustees
Minutes 12/19/2012**

Present: Jeanne Ivas (chair), Henry Goldman, Kathryn Mudgett, Christine Smith, Becky Freer (director), Judy McConarty

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Jeanne.

Minutes: Minutes from the November meeting were accepted as ammended by Judy.

Reports:

Director- New patron registrations were up, in part due to the school/library collaboration of Library Card Sign-Up Month. Unique visitors to the website and reference queries were also up. Circulation and museum pass use were down, compared to November of last year.

Children's librarian, Nancy Perry, held a Preschool Fair to provide a networking opportunity for preschool teachers, operators and parents. She also held a Children's Holiday Book Fair in collaboration with the owner of Storybook Cove. A percentage of the proceeds were donated to the Friends.

Becky attended the MLS annual meeting. Two main topics were the creation of a statewide library card and making e-books more available and affordable for library purchase.

Natalie Brandt has been hired to replace Lisa Bisio as the library's shelver. Lisa aaccepted a position at another library where she will have a greater opportunity to use her MLS training. Adult services librarian, Angela White, also gave her notice. She will be returning to the Midwest where she has family ties. The adult services position has been posted and selected candidates will be interviewed in January.

Becky is planning to go forward with the application for a disability grant. She is also planning a series of programs on Alzheimer and dementia awareness in collaboration with CareWell.

The Norwell Reads committee is considering ideas for a kick-off event.

Financial- Library expenditures are in line with expectations for this point in the fiscal year.

Friends- The Friends held a cookie exchange at their last meeting. They are considering future fundraisers, including a mini golf fundraiser sometime within the next year. The Friends generously gave a camcorder to the library.

Old Business:

Budget- The library's FY14 operating budget request has been submitted. The library is scheduled to speak at the board of selectmen's meeting on January 9th. Becky has contacted Bean Roofing for an estimate to replace the roof.

Sunday Hours- Becky, Jeanne, Henry and Judy met with the wage and personnel board regarding Sunday hours. The wage and personnel board voted to support paying hourly staff at a rate of time and a half on Sundays during the trial period. Professional staff will receive compensatory time off. The board voted unanimously to accept the Sunday Hours Policy as revised by Jeanne.

New Business:

The Friends are looking into some possible Sunday programs such as music and author visits. Town meeting will be held on May 6th. The town election will be on May 11th.

The next trustees meeting will be held at the town hall on January 9th at 6:30 pm, prior to meeting with the board of selectmen.

Upcoming meetings (all on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the library meeting room):

February 13th
March 13th
April 10th
May 15th
June 12th

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. Recorded by Judy McConarty