

Board of Library Trustees
Minutes 05/15/2013

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

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

Minutes: Minutes from the April meeting were approved as written.

Reports:

Director: Becky reported that Norwell Reads went very well. There were 300 participants at the scheduled events and 113 people read the book, not counting those who may have purchased it. A total of 900 people utilized library services during the trial period of Sunday hours between January and April. Children's Librarian, Nancy Perry, served as a judge for the MA Book Award. She judged YA and Juvenile titles of books either by MA authors or taking place in MA. Literary lunches have successfully continued at the Middle School. Miss Nancy was the guest reader this month

Financial: Expenditures are in line with expectations for this point in the fiscal year. With approval from Town Manager, Jim Boudreau, some of the funds not expended while the Adult Services Librarian position was unfilled, are being used to have part-time staff work extra hours to help catch up with weeding, shifting, barcoding and other tasks that had to be put on hold when the library was short-staffed.

Friends: There was no Friends report.

Old Business:

Chris inquired about renewal dates for Plimoth Plantation and Isabella Stewart Gardner passes. The Churchillers group would like to sponsor the Plimoth Plantation pass for next year.

New Business:

Becky informed the board that there will be a Windowsill Garden Workshop on May 29th.

Chris suggested a library fundraiser at the 99 Restaurant. The restaurant would donate 15% of proceeds to the library.

Town Meeting:

The microfilm reader request, previously approved by the Community Preservation Committee, was approved at town meeting.

Town meeting approved capital funding requests for new windows and seals. Next year, the library will request funding to renovate the public restrooms.

Vote for Chair/Vice Chair: Postponed until June meeting when full board will be present.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 19th at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm. Recorded by Judy McConarty