

Abington Public Library

Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 15, 2012

Call to Order: 7:06pm

Attendees:

- ✓ Henry DiCarlo, Chairman
- ✓ Betty Henderson, Vice Chairman
Jake O'Neill, Recording Secretary
- ✓ Will Adamczyk
- ✓ Christina McMahan
- ✓ Kathleen Jones
Gail Bergin
- ✓ Laura Nuttall
- ✓ Gerry Haas
- ✓ Deb Grimmer, Library Director

Minutes for the meeting held on September 17, 2012 were not ready to be reviewed by the board and voted on. They will be reviewed and voted on at the meeting before Town Meeting on October 29, 2012 at 6:45 at Abington High School.

Chairman's Report

-Articles for the warrant are all set for Town Meeting.

Library Director's Report

-Financials- Due the HVAC problems the gas bill and the building maintenance for this year may be over budget. Circulation is still good and is up 9% for the fiscal year. Computer usage has also increased.

-Programming- The Gravestone Girls program was well attended. September was a very busy month with lots of children's programs. All the story hours are full. Preparations are underway for the 15th Anniversary celebration of the Library. Jan. 26th there will be a children's concert with Hugh Hanley. Jan. 27th there will be a concert with the South Shore Men of Harmony and the Island Grove Chorus.

-Friends- Two Tricentennial books were ordered for the Library. Friends helping Friends event was a positive experience for all who attended. A Heritage Plantation pass has been ordered for

next year. Pawtucket Red Sox pass will not be funded next year due to lack of use. Looking into getting a pass for Battleship Cove in Fall River.

Building Issues

-HVAC- The request for the Capital Plan was rejected by the Town Manager so there is no capital money available to fix the HVAC. The boiler has been turned on and the air conditioning has been turned off. Some of the actuators have been opened to regulate the temperature. Eventually all of them will be opened and the boiler will be turned off and on as it gets warmer or colder in the building.

-Energy Audit- The Town Manager has proposed to have the Energy Audit done for all town buildings. The cost is \$30,000.00 and there is an article in the Warrant to be voted on at Town Meeting.

-Circulation Desk Lights- Friday, Dec. 28th at 7:30 am the lights at the circulation desk will be replaced.

-Other- The sign on the front door has been replaced and all of the letters are the right height.

Current Library Issues

-LSTA On the Same Page grant- The grant money has not come in yet so nothing has been booked. The events will be in Feb. and March 2013.

-LSTA Teens/Tweens Grant update- The LSTA Teens/Tweens Grant reports were filed today and the program in Abington was reported to be “exemplary”. Senator Tom Coburn of Oklahoma has put the APL on his list of most wasteful use of federal money. His report states that \$11,700.00 was spent on the “Star Wars Program” in September. The actual amount of the grant that was spent on that program was \$365.00. The \$11,700.00 dollar figure is the total amount of the two year grant that was awarded to the Library. Senator Kerry’s office was going to contact Senator Coburn’s office to get the correct information out there. The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners has been in contact with Deb as to how to deal with the situation.

-Town Accounting Software- A representative from KVS is going to be at the Town Hall tomorrow to answer questions about the software.

Old Business

-Library Website re-design- The website re-design is going along well. Changes in the website will begin soon.

-Other- Will is going to apply to be on the Personnel Board for the Town of Abington.

New Business

-FY 14 Action Plan Update- A MOTION to approve the Fiscal Year 2014 Action Plan Update for the Strategic Plan July 2010-June 2015 was made by Will. It was seconded by Gerry and accepted unanimously.

-FY13 State Aid Report- The APL will not need a waiver this year. \$61,604.55 was required to be spent and \$82,000.00 was actually spent which brought us into compliance.

-Borrowing and Fine Policy Revision-The new policy is being worked on and will be ready for the December meeting.

-Internet time limits- The current policy has a one hour time limit to use the computers. One patron is not happy with the policy and has complained to Deb about it. The board has reviewed the policy and wants to keep the policy as it is.

-Other- Deb and the staff have dealt with some very difficult patrons in the last few weeks. In one instance, one patron wanted to call the police on another patron when tempers flared at the front desk. The situation was taken care of without police involvement thanks to our wonderful staff.

The Next Board Meeting will be held

October 29th - Town Meeting to be posted for 6:45

December 3rd - Regular Meeting to be posted for 7:00

Motion to Adjourn @8:58 pm was made by Will, seconded by Betty and accepted unanimously.