

**Abington Public Library
Board of Trustees**

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 7, 2013

Called to Order: 7:06

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 Grimmitt, Library Director

Minutes for meeting held on September 9, 2013 were reviewed by the board. **MOTION to accept the September minutes was made by Betty, seconded by Kathleen and accepted unanimously with Jake abstaining due to absence from meeting.**

Minutes for meeting held on August 5, 2013 were reviewed by the board. **MOTION to accept the August minutes with edits was made by Laura, seconded by Gerry and accepted unanimously with Kathleen abstaining due to absence from meeting.**

Chairman's Report

- Henry received communications concerning the Mass Library Trustees Conference on November 7th.
- Henry presented and the board reviewed a letter concerning Special Municipal Employee Status. The letter indicated the status will be discussed in a meeting on October 21st and a representative of the trustees must be present. Henry will attend the meeting on behalf of the board.

Library Director's Report

- Financials – Deb reviewed the statement for the month and year to date and all is on schedule.
- Programming – The yoga class is being well attended with 21 people last week. Thursdays Story time is full as are all three Toddler Times. There will be an adult book discussion on November 6th on a book about John L. Sullivan, entitled Strong Boy by Christopher Klein. Will's book discussion on Judge Sewell's Apology about the Salem Witch Trial is using all the copies of the book in OCLN.
- Friends – The Friends are organizing a bus trip to go see the Boston Pops on December 16th at 8 pm at a cost of \$60.

Building Update

- Cleaning Services – The new contract with the company is working out well and the building is cleaner. Supervisor out sick so not contacted for window washing.
- Waiting to schedule bulb replacement for the library.

Current Library Issues

- The library hosted 93 freshmen from AHS over two days and the program was well received by students and teachers. The library has already seen increased traffic from HS Students and they are already working on next year's schedule.

- Students from the Frolio also visited last week with a lot of enthusiasm and many books signed out. The staff feels this all stemmed from the Abington Reads program.

Old Business

- Fall town Meeting – The town manager has indicated that he will transfer the money required for the library to meet the Municipal Appropriation minimum.
- Still waiting on update concerning union contract.

New Business

- The trustees discussed the action plan for FY15. A revised copy will be developed.
- The trustees discussed the museum pass usage over the past year. In general the passes have been very well used.
- The FY15 preliminary budget was discussed by the board. There is some indication that the initial budget filing will be earlier than it has been in past years.
- The ARIS and State Aid reports were filed as required in August. Copies will be emailed to Trustee members. The current budget shows we are a little below the required budget amount. If the balance isn't transferred during Town Meeting the library will have to file for a waiver.

The Next Board Meeting will be held

November 4th - Town Meeting to be posted for 6:45

December 9th – Regular Meeting to be posted for 7:00

MOTION to Adjourn @ 8:39 pm was made by Kathleen, seconded by Gerry and accepted unanimously.