

WADLEIGH MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Board of Trustees
Minutes of April 19, 2005 Regular Meeting

A meeting of the *Wadleigh Memorial Library Board of Trustees* was held on April 19, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wadleigh Memorial Library, Nashua Street, Milford, New Hampshire.

“If I could get my membership fee back, I would resign from the human race” (**Attended**)

Sandra Hardy - Chair, Bert Becker, Mary Burdett, Chris Costantino, Mike Tule. Art Bryan, Director and Deb Spratt, Ass't Director

Wisdom is what's left after we've run out of personal opinions. (**Minutes**)

- Minutes for the March 15, 2005 meeting accepted

Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen six, result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pound ought and six, result misery. (**Treasurer's Report**)

- The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow? (**Director's Report**)

- **Circulation** through March 2005 – 47,906 Up 6% from last year
- **People traffic**– through 4/18/05 - 40,830 Down 21% from last year
- **Personnel**- Arseny Romanenko has been hired as the new page, starting at \$7.24/hour. Motion made by Bert and seconded Mary.

Joel recommended utilizing free labor provided by county jail inmates to do much needed scraping and painting. After discussion, trustees asked Art to put the library on the jail calendar for engaging their services. The next date available is December 2005. The library needs to provide lunch.

Beth Pollock, reference librarian is leaving in June for full-time employment.

- **Systems** - Down for the last 24 hours. Have tentatively isolated the area that seems to be causing trouble.
- **Facilities** - Partial solution for space needs – moveable shelves which could be placed in the back of the AV room. This would add room for 425 boxes of back magazines and free up space on the main floor. Base cost for this would be \$9138 installed. Discussion about placement of these shelves, as it is hard to give up space in a meeting room.
- **Other:** Deb, Sandra and Art attended the town facilities committee meeting. They were asked for more information – a tax map showing the library location and the surrounding abettors. The year pilot program of 24/7 reference librarian is completed. The current provider was bought

out and the new owner has tripled the price. It is a good service and a new provider will need to be found.

Research is being conducted into a shared license among the consortium to download audio books

Mindstorm Mayhem, the local Lego team dropped off their brochures for MAGIC, JAWs Instruction sheet and a Braille information sheet.

Three upcoming adult programs are Gardening Solutions, Living Wills, and Identity Theft.

“Drive thy business or it will drive you” (Old Business):

- **91 Nashua Street:** new furnace installed
- **Acoustic Café:** good turnout and nice farewell cake for Art
- **Replacement of Stair Treads :** It was decided to proceed with doing the 3 flights of stairs at the front of the building and the stairs that go to tech services so Art will look into the files for the bids that were submitted and bring them to the next meeting. Based on the bids, a contractor will be selected and a date arranged.
- **CD cleaner machine:** the number of discs circulating is now greater than the number of VHS tapes. There has been a long series of bad discs delivered to the library, which are being covered by the manufacturer. Art checked with other libraries using this machine and was told that it is good. The local video store would be willing to rent the machine to care for its discs.
- **Policy Review - Parking Lot Policy**
 - Staff Security in Building
 - Food in the Library
 - Solicitation and Sales on Library Grounds

Please read for next month's meeting. Art doesn't expect that there will be any major changes. This will complete the policy review process. The policies will be presented in a more orderly fashion.

When it is not necessary to make a decision, it is necessary not to make a decision. (New business)

- **Library Director Search:** Sandra presented an Excel document to collate data of the applications that are being submitted. If there any recommended changes, please notify Sandra. Art mentioned that the annual ALA meeting is coming up. This might be a good place to meet the interesting candidates in one place.

Be always sure you're right, then go ahead (Meeting Adjourned) at 8:50 PM.

Minutes prepared by Chris Costantino