

**Minutes of the Amherst Town Library Trustees' Meeting
January 9, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Nancy Baker, Chair. In attendance were Nancy Baker, Ted Krantz, Kim Ayers, Liz Larson, Gretchen Pyles, Bill Cassidy, Nancy Head and Library Director Amy Lapointe.

Kim Ayers moved to approve the minutes of the December meeting. Ted Krantz seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Statistics: The statistics were reviewed. Circulation of children's non-fiction and picture books is down, which is surprising.

Adult Programming: Amy provided the trustees with a list of upcoming events. Of note, Screenagers, which is a library program, will be shown at Amherst Middle School because it is a better venue.

Challenges/questions about program collaborations: Amherst Recreation Department is overlapping a lot of our efforts. We need to define our mission a bit more before working with the Recreation Department. Collaboration with the Recreation Department and Middle School is interesting but how is it still a library program when holding events off site? Staff is working on these details.

New display schedule - lots of new display spaces. All staff has been involved with this.

Nook periodicals are no longer available. Barnes & Nobles will no longer provide them to Overdrive. Amy is looking into other options. About 20% of periodical offerings. Primarily on iPad.

The library will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2017 for Martin Luther King day. The library also closed early on Friday pursuant to the inclement weather policy.

**** REMINDER**** Thursday, Feb. 23 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - staff meeting

Children's Programming: Same as usual.

New Gifts: A gift of \$50 was received from David Goldsmith. Liz moved to approve the gift. Ted seconded. The gift was approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The investment of interest will be discussed in detail next month. Liz and Steve are looking into it and will make some recommendations.

Balance was \$224,946.35 as of December 31, 2015.

If we add in distributed interest (\$50, 998), we have \$237,579 as of December 21, 2016.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Lighting: We are looking for alternate lighting for the Boardman room, the main reading room upstairs (lollipop lights) and the Archives room. Liz presented some ideas to Ted who winnowed the selections down to a few suggestions for the board to look at. The suggested lights have the lines of old lamps. The goal is to use existing wiring.

Meeting Spaces: List of meeting spaces in town can be put on the library's website. This will be a great town resource.

Nancy Head moved to adjourn. Kim Ayers seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Pyles, Secretary

Next scheduled meeting: Monday, February 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.