

Minutes of the Amherst Library Trustee Meeting
January 9, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 PM by chairman, Don Holden. Also attending were Nancy Baker, Kathy Brundage, William Cassidy, Robin Julian, Richard Martini, Helen Rowe and Library Director, Amy Lapointe.

The minutes of the November 14, 2011 meeting were amended by changing Leonard to Leonardi. The amended minutes were unanimously approved.

There were no visitors.

Budget Discussion: Because the BOS needed our final budget number we discussed the budget for 2013 at this time. A lively discussion ensued over whether to cut our budget an additional \$10,000. Possible results of such a cut were thoroughly looked at. A motion was made by Robin and seconded by Bill to approve a budget of \$826,328.21. The motion passed unanimously.

Library Director's Report:

- **Statistics:** Amy presented the monthly statistics. Holiday programs were extremely well attended. (see attached)
- **Programs:** A variety of programs are scheduled for January and February. A recent addition to the list is Button Up NH which will show homeowners ways to conserve energy.
- **Circulation:** NHSL has scheduled extra van runs to make up for the holidays. A three month trial of the pre-cut van services is being paid for by GMILCS. Transit lending from Nesmith is to begin sometime in February. There will be a downtime on Monday, January 16 and Tuesday, January 17, in order to bring Nesmith into the automation system. A plan to invigorate book displays has begun. Staff members will each take a month and prepare the display.
- **Friends of the Library:** A reception honoring the Bennisons for their major contribution in organizing the Book Sale was held after the concert.
- **eBooks:** Publisher relations/model are continuing to evolve. Brilliance is eliminating library ebooks at the end of January. Meanwhile the list of non-participating publishers grows.
- **Volunteers/potential donors:** Amy reported on the possibility of this. Dick will follow up with one of the potential donors who had spoken to him.

Treasurer's Report: Dick reported 2 cds have been rolled over for three years. The gifts and interest account is still low. Now that the Automated Systems account is paid our expenses are where they should be. The Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted. (see attached)

Gifts: A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Robin to accept gifts in the amount of \$2020. The motion was unanimously approved.

Trustee Reports:

- **Library Advocacy:** A discussion was held on ways to prepare for the Deliberative Session to be held in February. Patrons will be asked to attend the meeting. Ways were discussed to lessen the impact of any potential cuts that might come out of the Session.

New Business: It was decided to hold a working meeting on January 20 at 9:30 AM to prepare for the Deliberative Session.

After a reminder of the Public Hearing on the Town Budget which is to be held on January 17, 2012, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.

The next meeting is WEDNESDAY, February 22 at 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Helen D. Rowe, Secretary