

MINUTES
The Amherst Town Library Board of Trustees' Meeting
October 19, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 PM by Chairman, Don Holden after a farewell dinner for Jackie Biger who is leaving in November. Also attending were Nancy Baker, Bill Cassidy, Kathy Brundage, Robin Julian, Dick Martini, Helen Rowe and Library Director, Amy Lapointe.

VISITORS: There were no visitors.

MINUTES: The minutes of September 21, 2009 unanimously approved.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- **Monthly statistics** were presented. (See attached)
- **Programming:** Amy requested we be aware of any feedback relative to the newsletter having been an insert in the *Amherst Citizen*. The staff is sensing that not as many patrons were reached as had hoped. The adult programs are filled with waiting lists. Storytimes have resumed. A program on Spanish for Fun is beginning. Jennie will conduct the November junior book group.
- **Friends of the Library:** Profits from the book sale of September 19 are \$8715.95. The Friends are planning a public reception for Jackie on November 3 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM.
- **Personnel:** Amy announced the choice of Jennie Simopoulos as the new Head of Children's Services. The Board unanimously approved this choice.
- **Schedule:** Amy presented the proposed 2010 holiday closings. This includes closing the day after Thanksgiving and having the library closed 4 days over the Christmas weekend. After a brief discussion the proposed schedule was approved unanimously.
- **Budget:** The first draft of the 2011 budget was presented and discussed. The Board unanimously approved this first draft which will be presented to the BOS and Ways and Means Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dick reported that spending is under target for the fiscal year but that income is also down due to a lack of gifts.

GIFTS: The Trustees unanimously accepted gifts totaling \$25.00. (see attached)

PROGRAMS: Kathy reported that the tickets for the Boardman Concert will be available during the week. Posters are ready to be put up.

OLD BUSINESS: The Board decided to move ahead on the idea of purchasing a carpet tile honoring Miss Jackie. Nancy is sending a letter to the newspapers and Amy is doing a flyer. It is hoped that this program will provide enough funds to help match the Bean Foundation funds.

NEW BUSINESS: Kathy attended a program sponsored by the NHLTA on Risk Management.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen D. Rowe, Secretary

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, November 16, 2009.**