

MINUTES

The Amherst Town Library Board of Trustees' Meeting November 19, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Chairman, Don Holden. Also attending were Kathy Brundage, William Cassidy, David Hallenbeck, Robin Julian, Helen Rowe and Library Director, Amy Lapointe.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Monthly statistics were presented. (See attached)
- Building concerns: The roof is nearly completed. Problems due to odor from gluing occurred and one workman stepped in a hole causing a ceiling tile to fall. No injuries occurred. Windows in the Children's Room are being replaced.
- The 3rd annual food for fines resulted in more food this year.
- The regular story hours are over. There will be a craft story series. Other programs include the 2nd annual talent show and baby play times. Adult programming will resume in the new year
- Ruslyn shattered her wrist in a fall and will be out for several weeks. The staff is able to cover her absence. Melody Fulone has been hired as a page. A page on probation has been let go and one of the other pages has been reassigned to make up the coverage.
- The Library budget was presented to the BOS on November 5th.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

- 2 CD's have been combined into 1 account. So far our spending is on track for the year.
- Monetary Gifts in the amount of \$21,000 were accepted. (See Attached)

PROGRAMS:

- The Boardman Concert went very smoothly. Kathy received many positive comments from the patrons attending. Kathy is keeping a folder for future reference.

TECHNOLOGY:

- Dave reported on new trends made possible by the Web .20. The 2nd generation of ebooks is now available.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Atherton painting is adequately insured. Amy will check on whether the insurance covers the times when the alarm for the painting is off.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A political inquired as to the use of the Meeting Room which would involve soliciting funds. Since our policy states no commercial use Amy turned the request down.
- Amy raised some concerns over the lack of discussion in the preliminary Master Plan report over the role the Library plays as a cultural force in the community. We advised her to make her concerns known to the committee.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Helen D. Rowe, Secretary

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 9th at 6:00 PM.**