

MINUTES
The Amherst Town Library Board of Trustees' Meeting
February 8, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Vice-Chairman, Dick Martini. Also attending were Nancy Baker, Kathy Brundage, Bill Cassidy, Robin Julian, Helen Rowe, and Head of Children's Services, Jennie Simopoulos.

VISITORS: There were no visitors.

MINUTES: The minutes of January 4, 2010 were unanimously approved.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT (presented by Jennie Simopoulos):

- **Monthly statistics** were presented. (See attached) Children's Room shows a 21% increase in program attendance. Plans are being worked on for the SR Programs. The Theme is making a splash. Interlibrary loans are working well. The change in periodicals is due to a different cataloging method.
- **Building concerns:** The heated walkway seems to be working well and the heating inconsistencies seem to have been corrected. The receipt printer outside the Children's Room continues to have problems.
- **Programming:** All programs continue to be successful and well attended. The March LET'S TALK HISTORY series is related to the 250th Anniversary of the town.
- **Technology:** Several members of GMILCS met to see CASSIE in operation. The 6th issue of the email newsletter has gone out. 32% of these are opened.
- **GMILCS:** Hillstown dues have been reduced to \$50.00. Ruslyn is attending a workshop on Polaris.
- **Friends of the Library:** The date of the 2010 book sale is September 18th. A copy of PINK MAPLE HOUSE is currently being offered on E-Bay with the bid at \$300. The bidding is still open. An Appreciation Tea is planned for May 19th from 4 to 6 PM.
- **Carpet fundraising:** Total raised to date is \$7,232.94. This is in addition to the Bean Grant.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dick reported that there is no change in the CD's. We are currently approximately 2% over the projected budget. The Board accepted the Treasurer's Report.

GIFTS: The Trustees unanimously accepted gifts totaling \$1367.37 for carpet replacement.

OLD BUSINESS: Dick showed lights suitable for the Atherton portrait. These would be LED lights. It was felt that we should check on the current insurance value for the painting.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen D. Rowe, Secretary

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, March 8, 2010.**