

MINUTES

The Amherst Town Library Board of Trustees' Meeting

March 14, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman, Don Holden. Also attending were Nancy Baker, Kathy Brundage, Bill Cassidy, Robin Julian, Dick Martini, Helen Rowe, and Library Director, Amy Lapointe.

VISITORS: There were no visitors.

MINUTES: The minutes of February 7, 2011 were unanimously approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The following officers were unanimously approved by the Board;

Chair: Don Holden

Vice-Chair: Nancy Baker

Recording Secretary: Helen Rowe

Corresponding Secretary: Robin Julian

Treasurer: Dick Martini

Assistant Treasurer: Bill Cassidy

Programs: Kathy Brundage

Fund Raising/Advocacy: Nancy Baker

Building/Grounds: Bill Cassidy

Technology: Kathy Brundage and Robin Julian

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- **Circulation:** Circulation still trending down.
- **Programs:** Programming is heavy for March. In January and February 717 patrons attended the programs scheduled. One program was canceled due to snow. Also Sue R's outreach programs to the schools were canceled.
- **Personnel:** Sue and Carole are both back at work. A farewell party is scheduled for Mary Milliken. Amy presented Katie Graybill's name to be the new Library Assistant. The Board unanimously accepted this candidate.
- **Library Sweetheart Raffle:** There were 150 entries. Mile A Way donated a \$40.00 Gift Certificate which was won by Robert Goulder.
- **Overdrive:** Amy reported on the new ebook lending model by Harper Collins which will have circulation limits of 26 checkouts per ebook. There is concern in the library world over this restriction. Amy included a list of links to articles and posts on this issue.
- **Summer Reading Program:** The theme this summer will be a world/travel theme. Plans right now call for highlighting one country each week. The program will run for 8 weeks, beginning on June 27 and ending on August 18. Amy is asking the BOS for permission to use the Common on 8/18 for the barbecue and possibly for other events. This year's challenge will be

different. The Board unanimously approved having Heifer International be the recipient of the challenge.

- **GMILCS:** Amy attended a membership mini-retreat where issues relating to future policies were discussed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dick reported 3 CD's have been renewed. The Allen Account is earning 5%. The budget is on track, however both gifts and income are below projections. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

GIFTS: Gifts in the amount of \$610.95 were unanimously accepted. (See Attached)

PROGRAMS: There was no report from Kathy.

OLD BUSINESS: A discussion was held on Library Advocacy and the need for it to be ongoing. One repeated citizen concern is the use of volunteers as a way to perhaps lower the Library's budget. Several ideas were discussed including a meeting with the BOS, a comparison of our costs with corresponding libraries and an Open House or Trustee's group meeting where citizens could come and ask questions.

NEW BUSINESS: Nancy Baker suggested she look into ways citizens may leave money to the Library and then publicize this information. She will pursue this at the NHLTA meeting in May. Amy reminded us of the FOL's luncheon on April 19.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen D. Rowe, Secretary

The next meeting will be held on **Monday April 18 at 6:00 PM.**