

Minutes of the Amherst Library Trustee Meeting
April 23, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by Chairman, Don Holden. Also attending were Kathy Brundage, William Cassidy, David Hallenbeck, Robin Julian, Richard Martini, Helen Rowe and Library Director, Amy Lapointe. The minutes of the March 26, 2007 meeting were approved.

Library Director's Report:

- Amy presented the monthly statistics. (see attached) It is hoped that the new bins for the picture books in the Children's Room will alleviate the decline in these statistics since the bins previously were overcrowded. Amy pointed out the increases in the CD's and Adult fiction. ILL loans are down for the 3rd quarter but the data base statistics are up.
- Numerous activities have been planned for vacation week for the young children. Adult programming is over until fall. The Library participated in the Green Education Day in Milford with a display of books as well as bibliographies of both children and adult related topics. Initial feedback was positive.
- The Friends of the Library will have the annual Student Art Show reception on May 6. The annual luncheon is planned for May 18.
- GMILCS has been working on their budget. The already approved FY08 budget has a 0% increase. The proposed FY09 has a 2.3-3.0% increase due to a proposed increase in the reserve fund. Dues may or may not increase due to the formula on which dues for the members are computed.
- Personnel: Sarah is back at work. A new page, Brittany Mayes, a current junior at SHS has been hired.
- Amy reminded everyone of the NHLTA gala which is May 11. There is also a Trust Fund Administration Seminar on June 19. Kathy Brundage hopes to attend this.
- Amy reported on her attendance at the Computers in Libraries Conference. Because of the anticipated changes in our Library Automation System Amy purposely talked to the three automation vendors concerning the migration of our system.
- Amy attended a reception at the completed Portsmouth Library. Due to the lightness of the library it has been noted that more patrons are visiting and staying longer. The demographics also seem to be changing.
- Amy presented two articles for us to read. See attached.

Treasurer's Report: Our spending is on target but our income is down because the gifts account has not met the projection for the year.

Gifts: The Board unanimously accepted gifts totaling \$722.09. \$400 of this was a gift from the Lions Club for the purchase of a new large screen ultra shape computer.

Technology: Dave, Robin and Helen reported that the Master Plan Meeting was well run and all the groups more or less arrived at the same likes and dislikes. The next meeting is May 15 and attendance is encouraged.

There was no old business.

New Business: Amy reported that GMILCS has nominated Mary Ann List for the Ann Geisel Award. Robin will write a letter from our Board of Trustees supporting this nomination .

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:10PM

The next meeting is Monday, May 14 at 6:00 PM. Please note—this is the 2nd Monday of the month.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen D. Rowe, Secretary