

## MINUTES

### The Amherst Town Library Board of Trustees' Meeting April 20, 2009

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

**VISITORS:** There were no visitors.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of March 16, 2009 were unanimously approved.

#### **LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- **Monthly statistics** were presented. (See attached) Amy noted that overall circulation is up significantly.
- **Programming:** Adult programs in April had a gardening theme. Vacation activities have been planned including a teddy bear sleep-over. The Jr. & Middle School book discussions are continuing as is the Itsy Bitsy yoga/infant massage program. Business are being solicited for prize donations for the SRP.
- **Farmer's Market:** Storytimes will be offered every other Thursday at the Farmer's Market. The end of summer barbecue will also overlap the Market.
- **Friends of the Library:** May 10 is the student art show reception which will feature artists and parents. The annual spring luncheon is May 15.
- **Collection:** The Library is participating in the PSNH Kill-o-Watt Meter Program. Funding has been made possible by PSNH to provide every library with a meter that may be checked by patrons. The MP3 downloadable audio are now available. They will work with I Pods, but there are limited titles. The Kindle has been ordered from Amazon.
- **Lincoln Photograph:** It is believed that the photograph is a reprint of an 1860 photograph. Confirmation is being attempted.
- **Bean Foundation Grant:** The grant has been submitted.
- **Recent program complaints:** A patron felt that the Northern Ireland Program was biased. Another patron expressed concern that one of the Great Gatsby programs had been scheduled on Passover. The Board felt that Amy had handled both issues competently.
- **NHLTA:** Kathy, Robin and Nancy hope to attend the conference.
- **Newest patron:** Amy announced that Elise Kathryn Leonardi arrived on April 6. Both Sarah and Elise are doing well.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Dick reported that our spending is on target. (See Attached) He also noted that the value of the Jones accounts is up and that Gifts and

interest are ahead of projections. No word has come from the Town Administrator relative to default budget cuts.

**GIFTS:** The Trustees unanimously accepted gifts totaling \$340.00. (See attached)

**NEW BUSINESS:** While all seems well with the building several Trustees mentioned the wall by the front walk which seems to have pieces breaking off. Nancy Baker will look into a memorial gift for Tom Head.

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, May 18, 2009.**