

MINUTES
The Amherst Town Library Board of Trustees' Meeting
May 17, 2010

A reception for the new staff Carlos and Sarah was held prior to the regular meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:22 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: Dwight Brew, BOS representative.

MINUTES: The minutes of April 19, 2010 were unanimously approved.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- **Monthly statistics:** No statistics were available due to Vicki's illness. Amy is making some changes in how statistics are tallied. The electronic newsletter continues to have a 30% opening record.
- **Programming:** Adult programs are finished until the summer program begins. There was record program attendance for March and April with a total of 773 attendees. The Juvenile programs are continuing. The Princess Tea Party was very successful. The Summer Reading Program begins on June 21. The theme this year revolves around water. The end of summer cook out is August 12.
- **Carpet fundraising:** Samples of carpet squares were looked at and debated. There were some questions that Amy will discuss with potential stores and report back to the Trustees.
- **Personnel:** Amy presented the following candidates for approval; Technical Services Librarian, Sarah St. Martin and Reference Librarian, Carlos Pearman. Carlos will begin on July 6. The Board unanimously approved the new staff. Interviews for the 4 new page positions are scheduled for the end of May.
- **Town:** Handouts from the BOS meeting were passed around.
- **FOL:** The Garden Reception will be held on May 19 from 4-6 PM.
- **GMILCS:** Amy reported that SNHU will probably leave the consortium which will impact the 2012 budget with a raise in dues. We currently pay approximately \$22,000.
- **PLA:** Amy reported on the PLA. Some of the topics she found most helpful related to new ways to present statistics, how to remodel small libraries, and top technical trends. She hopes to apply new approaches and ideas to the management of the library.
- **Policy Updates:** Amy will have some updates for us next month. She passed out a copy from the ALA on the State of America's Libraries.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dick reported no CD renewals are due until the fall. Our income is up and the budget is on target for the year.

GIFTS: The Trustees unanimously accepted gifts totaling \$222.52 for the carpet replacement fund. They also accepted \$35 in gifts. (See attached)

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS: Dwight Brew is happy to hear any concerns we have that he can take to the BOS.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen D. Rowe, Secretary

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, June 21, 2010.**