

SAUGUS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OCTOBER 24, 2005

CALL TO ORDER: The Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Jeanie Bartolo, Chairperson.

PRESENT: Jeanie Bartolo Chair
Linda Call, Vice Chair and Treasurer
Mila Moschella
Ellen Palleschi
Linda Duffy, Recording Clerk
Mary Rose Quinn
Michelle Ring

PREVIOUS MINS. Motion made by Linda Call, seconded by the Chair to accept minutes of September 19, 2005 meeting. Unanimously passed.

TREASURER RPT. Motion made by Ellen Palleschi, seconded by the Chair to accept Treasurers Report. Unanimously passed.

CHAIRMAN'S RPT. Jeanie Bartolo presented the Chairman's Report and also introduced new Trustee member, Michelle Ring who was welcomed by all. Motion to accept Chair's report made by Linda Call and seconded by Mila.

DIRECTOR'S RPT. Each member received a copy of the report.

Mary Rose reports that Fines for Hurricane Relief has begun and appears successful so far. Food for Fines will continue through the Holiday Season to aid the local Food Pantry. In conjunction with long overdue notices, wording has been changed during this campaign. If an item is returned we will waive fines if Patron brings a non perishable food item. This is a successful way to retrieve our outstanding overdue materials. Maximum fine is \$2.00 adult and \$1.00 for a child.

Applebee's will host a Library night on Tuesday, October 25th at their restaurant. Diners may donate 10% of their meal total to the Library.

Det. Murphy, Saugus Police Dept. called to notify us of an incident at the Stoneham Library involving a flasher. Mary Rose reports that a stalker has also been reported in the Stoneham Library. Staffing shortages require extra vigilance.

Valdalism sustained to rear of Library with paint "tagging" to signs, building and sandbox. A Police report was made.

Parents are dropping children off at Library, assuming it a "safe" place to be.

"Magazine Adoption Program" is underway. We hope to get renewals from Patrons as last year.

New Computers will arrive tomorrow, October 25th. Some older computers were sent to recycling.

State Aid Report has been filed.

Compliance for – MAR – Municipal Appropriation Requirements
MAR \$642,856 BUDGET \$450,850.

We meet the materials guideline due to the Pace Foundation Grant.
We represent under 1% of the Town's Budget.

Staffing shortages –

1 Reference Librarian on vacation – 1 out sick, we were unable to open building due to safety/staffing concerns.

Mila asks how to address the letter in the Saugonian re: Library closing for Staff/Security reasons.

No other Library in the area has taken as severe a cut as Saugus.

Mary Rose states she checked with Board of Library Commissioners to double check on closing building for lack of staffing (on a temporary basis).

Linda Call adds her concerns for staff and building safety, (having worked here in the past).

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Ellen P. advised Mary rose to itemize each line item of safety concerns for Finance Committee as they develop.

Statistics – Circulation totals – because we are closed more hours and spending less on materials our patrons are going elsewhere. If we are decertified those patrons will have to revert back to Saugus as they will not be permitted to borrow elsewhere.

Nora Shaughnessey- volunteered at the Library, passed away at the New England Medical Center while awaiting a liver transplant. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Friends of the Library or any Environmental Charity.

NEW BUSINESS: Leo Nickole-The Theatre company of Saugus in April, will produce Fiddler on the Roof to benefit the Saugus Public Library Foundation. The event will be at the Belmonte Middle School. The Saugus Business Partnership will sponsor the advertising.

UPCOMING EVENTS: There are several programs coming to Library over the next two months.

NEXT MEETING: To be held November 21st at 6:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business, a Motion was made by Ellen P. seconded by the Chair to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Linda Duffy