

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2009 MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Terry Lyons at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Terry Lyons, Pat Fish, Mary Ellen Picardi and Beth Spellman.

CHAIRMAN'S RPT. The Vice Chair states that Pam Gill would like a letter sent to Finance committeeman, Ken DePateo for their Wednesday night meeting, stating what hours we intend to be open for FY2010 with a 10% budget cut, for both Winter and Summer.

Mary Ellen Picardi states that "Budget B" – reflects the 10% cut which = \$15,000.00 from salaries.

37.0 hours per week x 40.2 weeks for winter

33.0 hours per week x 12.0 weeks for summer

The sum of \$4,000 is needed for accrued sick leave.

Step increases of \$115.00 per week are taken into consideration.

We can fund raise for books but we cannot fund raise for salaries.

Vice Chair asks Union Steward, Mary O'Connell, "What does the Union say about the four (4) person rule?"

Terry gives examples of how we can show good faith to not have an erratic schedule. "Are we enabling the Town not to fund us?"

Ewa explains ways she is trying to "fill in the gaps" where coverage is lacking. Ex: Tuesdays 2-4 and Thursdays 2-4:

- a. Hired a part time Children's Librarian to replace the full time one.
- b. Offer additional hours to Linda Cappabianca.

Terry asks if we can advertise for "temporary Library workers to have on the back burner?"

Ewa explains that there is "Bibliotemps" which is the service provided to Libraries, but their hourly cost is high.

Terry requests a Motion to accept the minutes of last months meeting. Motion to accept made by Mary Ellen Picardi, seconded by Beth Spellman. All in favor. 4-0.

TREAS. RPT: Read by Beth Spellman. Motion made by Mary Ellen Picardi and seconded by Pat Fish to accept report. All in favor. Vote 4-0.

DIRECTOR'S RPT: Ewa states that the Town Hall, and Senior Center were closed all day on Good Friday, and they did not notify the Library.

Ewa states that she has heard a rumor that the School Committee has proposed taking over the Library and will staff it with educated teachers and that Supt.Langlois has discussed this concept with Trustees? Ewa asks if this is so.

Mary Ellen offers that perhaps Supt.Langlois is expressing how important the Library is and how it factors into the education plan.

Ewa stressed to the children's librarian to "connect" with the schools.

Part Time Children's Librarian Aaron Noll is working to set up a strong relationship with the schools with Jean Brunco assisting.

ADJOURNMENT: On a Motion made by Mary Ellen Picardi and seconded by Beth Spellman, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Vote 4-0 All agreed.

NEXT MEETING: Will be held on the second Monday of May or at the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda E. Duffy  
Recording Clerk