

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2009 MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:45 by the Chair.

PRESENT: Pam Gill, Mary Ellen Picardi, Terry Lyons, Beth Spellman, Pat Fish, Joanne Vannah and Ewa Jankowska.

CHAIRMAN'S RPT. The Chairman welcomes new Trustee, Joanne Vannah.

The Chair discusses the Memorial Day holiday schedule. On a Motion by Mary Beth Spellman and seconded by the Chair, the vote to close the Library on Saturday, May 23rd is passed. Vote 6 - 0.

The Chair states that we will be receiving some funding from the Pace Foundation in July.

Pam would like a follow up on the status of the window shades that were requested of Bob by Town Manager. A discussion about the need for these shades is held in view of the newly expanded hours. Linda Duffy will follow with him on this.

The exterior of the Library grounds is discussed in detail. The lawn and shrubs are overgrown and there are a lot of weeds. Is Carpenito Real Estate still taking care of the grounds? Also, the sign with their name is in a state of disrepair. Linda Duffy will call the Carpenito's and ask for a status. If they are not going to maintain the grounds any longer, then we will need to get assistance from the DPW for the heavier tasks and perhaps we could put together a team to clean up the grounds?

The Genealogy Workshop will be ending Saturday May 16th. Can we get the newspapers to come in and do a piece and take a photo for the papers on this program? Linda Duffy is asked to call the papers to see if they are willing to come. A check for Judith Fleueuri in the amount of \$500.00 will be issued to her immediately.

The Chairman requests that Ewa request a report from the Saugus Public Library Foundation... Ewa will send the President a letter via Certified Mail-Return Receipt Requested.

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The Chairman states that the election of officers should take place this month. After a spirited discussion the Trustee's agree to leave the present Board in place for another year. On a Motion by Mary Ellen Picardi and seconded by Pat Fish, the Board votes to leave the present Board of Trustee Officers in place for one more year. Vote 6 – 0.

The Finance Committee is concerned about the Library budget submitted stating they feel it is salary driven and there is no line items for programs and books. Pam will attend the next Finance Committee meeting on May 13th, and she feels they will meet at least twice this week. Town Meeting will resume on May 18th and Pam requests that someone from the Board go with her as a sign of interest and support for town meeting process. It also helps to get a feeling for the way things are going and the tone of the meeting.

TREASURER'S RPT. Beth Spellman reads the Treasurer's Report. On a Motion by Mary Ellen Picardi and seconded by the Chair, the Treasurer's Report is accepted. Vote 6 – 0.

ADJOURNMENT: On a Motion by Mary Ellen Picardi and seconded by Beth Spellman, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: June 1, 2009 at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Duffy
Clerk