

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:25 pm by the Chair.

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

SEC'S REPORT: The Secretary's Report of May 10th was read. There was discussion on the Motion. An error or omission was noted and a correction was requested. A Motion was made by Terry Lyons and seconded by the Chair with a request for future minutes to be emailed to Trustees in advance of meetings for review. Vote 6 – for and 0 – against.

TREAS. RPT.: The Treasurer's Report was read by Beth Spellman. On a Motion made by Terry Lyons and seconded by the Chair, the report was accepted. Vote 6 – for and 0 – against.

CHAIRMAN'S RPT: The Chair asks the status of the order for DVD cases. Ewa advises that we have identified a possible replacement of the KWIK cases currently in use for a newer model offered by Budget Library Supplies for a more reasonable rate of \$1.10 each vs.: the \$6.50 per Kwik brand case. We will have to purchase the device to remove security for \$55.00 but we would like to try it out. An order will be placed. Trustees would like to start compiling facts of the numbers of CD's and DVD's that are scratched.

The Chair states that Wendy Reed has the two re-appointments on the agenda for the Selectmen to vote and she will let us know when that is completed. The entire Board has had scheduling shortages and a backlog of critical items to address. There were no other candidates for the two Trustee positions.

Terry Lyons reports that the Foundation have re-worked some of the rules of the Foundation and eliminated the clerk's position that was held by a Library employee. Foundation chair, Wally McKenzie will send a copy of the amended rules. Wally states that they are willing to fund "public use" computers but not those of the staff. They feel that the Town should purchase staff computers. The total for 8 staff computers is \$6,824.00

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The Foundation will fund Micrographics to transfer the Saugus Advertiser to microfilm, as well as fund some databases and public use computers. The Foundation will meet soon to take a formal vote on the proposal.

A discussion was held on the 59 hours of operation for the Library beginning in the fall.

Re-certification procedures were discussed. Terry will call the MBLC to see if we can be closed the Saturday of Labor Day weekend, but be open for 59 hours starting the last full week of August.

A discussion on what to do about hosting a “blog” for input from the community was held. Terry and Mary Ellen note that blogs in the past have not worked in a productive manner.

Representative Falzone stopped in to the meeting to say hello and thank everyone for their efforts to gain funding and re-certification for the Library. He predicts that the MBLC will meet and vote on Saugus’ status on the first or second Thursday of September. He urges the Trustees to have all paperwork completed and ready to be submitted prior to then.

He also suggests that a letter be sent to the MBLC laying out our intentions to be open 59 hours and that we will be committed to spend a minimum of 13% of our budget on materials. He suggests that all Trustees attend this important MBLC meeting, and, if at all possible prepare some handouts for the Commissioners and send copies to the Delegation.

Rep. Falzone stated that the bill passed the House and the Senate last Thursday evening and it is on the Governors desk for his signature. He stressed that he is prepared to take up an override if for any reason the Governor does not sign the bill.

Terry stated that we will proceed with the process of interviewing candidates that may show we cannot attract a qualified candidate at the salary offered.

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ADJOURNMENT: On a Motion made by Terry Lyons and seconded by the Chair the meeting is adjourned at 10:12 pm. Vote 6 – for and 0 – against.

NEXT MEETING: July 12th at 6:00 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Linda Duffy, Clerk