

## **Pelham Library Board of Trustees**

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 on March 19, 2009.

Present: Jonathan Woodbridge, Francine T Ozereko, Marianne Reiff, Alberta Booth, Nora Maroulis, and select board member, Jim Huber.

Absent: Adam Novitt and Gail Berube

February minutes were approved and will be sent to Kim.

Warrant was passed around and signed.

### **Announcements**

Finance Committee meeting:

Nora and Jonathan say it went very well. No one knows what the budget will be like for the coming year. We need to present our requests in a positive manner at the next town meeting, May 2. Warrant articles for town meeting are due on Monday, March 23. Our warrant request will be raised to \$3500 for the screen, projector, sound system for the community room.

There will be a deficit of about \$1600 this fiscal year. We will discuss this further when Adam returns.

### **Old Business:**

Kindle use is being tested and policies are being discussed. We also need to work out how to fund the purchase of books for them. Adam is working on a sharing program with Forbes Library. Gail and Alberta will work on a Kindle policy when Gail returns.

Gap between policy and practice - examples were cited and

will be addressed. Jonathan is reading through policies and will point out discrepancies and email policies to trustees.

There was discussion about the "Open" sign. It has been on when library is not open, off when it is; Jonathan ordered a digital timer for it.

Nora will look over the mission statement for any needed changes.

Adam sent his report:

**Director's Report: March 18, 2009**

### **Programming:**

**Teas will continue Saturday the 28th, please come! Classical guitarist with Jeremy Minger.**

**Author Reading: Martha A. Sandweiss author of Passing Strange.**

**On the same page programming:**

**Kestrel trust: about 10 people but a great talk!**

**Kristen is a very good speaker.**

**Backyard Chickens: about 35, Meg is great!**

**Side Hill Farm: "Garden Planning" for 2008"  
rescheduled to September**

**Dave Jackie, author: "Edible Forest Landscapes"  
Dates still up in the air possibly June**

**Eric Hoffner: "That Log's Got Potential" April 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Dr. Dindal, compost May 5<sup>th</sup>**

## **Art**

**Patrick Zephyr: Photo Exhibit now in community room. Nice work, 50% of sales to library.**

**Candice Bradbury-Carlin, mixed media April. She's putting a lot of work into this!**

**Dr Dindal, art of Dr. Daniel Dindal May.**

**Grants: All grant money must be spent by August**

**Equal Access \$3000 - we've spent about \$1200 on Kindles & about \$400 on concerts**

**On The Same Page Grant \$7500 of this we've spent about \$2000 on books and speakers**

**Gates Grant-matching fund letter submitted. Funds coming shortly, possibly in June**

**Highland Valley Elder Care \$1500 awarded. We will use this to purchase a "VISA gift card" for books cooperatively with Forbes.**

**New Grant Applied for: \$7500 for early childhood literacy from ages 0-8**

## **Energy Committee**

**Ambitious \$40,000+ warrant item for energy improvements for the building submitted.**

## **Staff**

**Due to other commitments Barbara Cooper will not be continuing with us after April 19<sup>th</sup>, when Children's story hour ends. Barb only worked a couple of staff hours per week but filling her Saturdays will be difficult. However, we are looking at moving Story**

**Hour to Sundays now which I think will be more popular with both parents and children.**

**Shifting materials: Anne McNeal completed a survey of the library and we can begin shifting at any time. I am now looking into getting the computers moved and have talked to Rick about this. (Ann McNeal has also volunteered to work on the library's web-site - thank you, Ann!)**

**Money: At this time, after this warrant and the payroll submitted on March 17<sup>th</sup> there is a total of \$4868 in town money left for all purposes. We also received our second payment of about \$1900 for state aid. Projecting forward we have about \$8400 left in payroll for this year leaving a deficit of about \$1600 to be paid from the trust for salaries.**

**Expect about \$3000 in additional funds from the friends. To break even for the year we would have to reduce spending to less than \$500/warrant. This is mainly due to ambitious donation income projections carried over into this fiscal year's budget.**

Next meeting: April 15th at 7 PM

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Francine T Ozereko