

## **Pelham Library Board of Trustees**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 on April 15, 2009.

Present: Jonathan Woodbridge, Francine T Ozereko, Gail Berube, Marianne Reiff, Alberta Booth, Nora Maroulis, Adam Novitt, Jim Huber, select board, and visitor/ possible trustee to be Blair Bigelow.

March minutes were approved and will be sent to Kim.

Warrants were signed.

### **Announcements:**

Jonathan donated a timer for the OPEN sign. Thank you, Jonathan.

Circulation is up again, with Pelham patrons leading the way.

We are on track with funds from the town, but will have a small deficit in staff salaries. Some of that is because our donations have not kept pace with the salaries.

When we work on the fiscal 2010 budget we'll have to pare down, and not build donations into our budget. We'll hope to get more donations during the next fiscal year, but can't rely on them for any of our operating expenses.

Kindles: There was some discussion about kindles possibly replacing large print books. The kindles are lighter in weight and text can be made larger for all books, not just books designated "large print". The other issue brought up was that Amazon has let the publishers make the decision about whether spoken books will be included on kindles as well (for the same price?). We may write a letter to the local newspaper and Amazon concerning this. Adam hopes to start lending the kindles in May. We need to establish a kindle policy

and there will be a new warrant for money to pay for books for the kindles. We worked on points for a kindle policy, which will be refined by a small group.

Adam and Nora will put together a Gneiss News in time for Town Meeting focussing on all of the positive and wonderful things the library does for the town.

Nora looked at Mission Statement, and found that it was not on the website. (We'll talk to Ann McNeal about that.) We discussed the wording of the statement, Nora had some great examples from other town libraries and will try to synthesize all the good points into a new statement for our Pelham Library.

### **Director's Report:**

Teas will continue Saturday, April 25 with Pat McPherson Country Song & Dance Society.

#### Programming:

Heidi Dollard's Mozzarella Workshop drew 32 people and was "awesome"!

Eric Hoffner: "That Log's Got Potential" (shitake mushroom) workshop on April 18th is overbooked.

Marni Sandweiss will talk about her latest book, Passing Strange, on April 16.

Dr Dindal: Compost workshop on May 5.

Graduate student piano concert on April 26.

Side Hill Farm: Garden Planning workshop rescheduled for a date in September. (TBA)

Dave Jackie, author: Edible Forest Landscapes is tentatively scheduled for June.

Fly fishing workshops with Marla Blair: one is on June 27, another in August. (TBA)

Trout Unlimited fly tying workshop: possibly in fall.

Art:

Ashley will do 4 art programs for children in the summer. There will also be a "paper-making for children workshop" this summer.

On exhibit:

Candice Bradbury-Carlin, mixed media, in April. (she sold a piece!)

Dr. Dindal: Art of Dr. Daniel Dindal in May.

Gillian Duda paintings in June.

Grants: All grant money must be spent by August.

Equal Access (\$3000): We've spent about \$1200 on kindles and about \$400 on concerts

On The Same Page Grant (\$7500): We've spent about \$2800 on books and speakers and will purchase the Wii with remaining funds. Adam may also use some of the funds to create an organic vegetable garden on library grounds.

Gates Grant: matching funds letter submitted. We can buy computers now, working with Amherst- Pelham Regional Schools.

Highland Valley ELder Care Grant (\$1500) We will use this to purchase a Visa gift card for books (cooperatively with the Forbes Library). It's ready to roll.

New grant applied for: \$7500 for early childhood literacy from ages 0-8. Ashley is taking this over under Adam's supervision and is looking into the "Mother Goose on the Loose" program. Marianne will help Ashley with any "grant business".

Staff:

Jody Levine is taking over the summer reading program this year.

Ashley will so story hour in 2009-10. The story hour may

move to Sundays after reviewing area story hour schedules.

Ann McNeal is the new "webmaster". Thank you, Ann!

Isabel Ryavec now has a key to the library and can fill in on short notice.

Margaret Light will volunteer and cover shifts this summer. Thank you, Margaret!

Adam will be on vacation this summer August 11-22. Actual dates TBA.

Money:

Edna has been out the last couple of weeks, so Adam is unsure of remaining funds. He is now working to get remaining warrants paid from staff salary fund, which still has several thousand dollars in it. We'll also be receiving about \$2500 from the Friends, and some donations originating from the ASTP grant.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM, and we gathered in the Meeting Room to have a small celebration of thanks for Gail Berube, retiring trustee. Gail has been an active trustee for 10 years and we will miss her! She will continue to be involved with the library as a member of the Friends. Thank you, Gail for your many years of service!

Also thanks to Jim Huber, who will no longer be the Select Board representative at our meetings. He has been very informative, helpful, and a regular attendee at our meetings.

Next meeting: May 20, 2009 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Francine T Ozereko

