

Pelham Library Board of Trustees

Meeting was called to order at 6:58 on June 17, 2009.

Present: Jonathan Woodbridge, Francine T Ozereko, Marianne Reiff, Alberta Booth, Blair Bigelow, director Adam Novitt, select board representative Bill Martel.

Absent: Nora Maroulis

May minutes were approved and sent to Kim at the town office.

Warrant was passed around and signed.

Finance: Remainder of budget

We have 13 days of this fiscal year and have 3 weeks of bills to go on the warrant before June 30.

We have \$1434 left of the town funds, after paying staff \$800, we'll have \$634 to cover remaining warrants. All has to be billed by July 13, if not it will come out of next year's library budget total.

Next year: we could stay close to the expended budget. (this year we came pretty close) We may be cutting the Spectrum support line item, which would save us \$600.

Old Business:

Mission statement and action plan will be taken up again next month when Nora is at the meeting.

Jonathan got rid of the bright orange traffic cone (hooray!), and Alberta & Gail will buy a pot and plant flowers there. We will all water it.....if needed.

The library sign was moved and Jonathan is moving the arrows to the appropriate sign. Thank you, Jonathan.

Alberta will send a thank you card to Tess Rock for tending the library garden and also to the Lion's club for the purchase of a kindle.

Director's Report:

What is propaganda? Materials were donated by several people recently and we had a discussion about what makes a book propaganda? Does it matter if it is published by an organization that has a political agenda relating to the subject of the book? We decided that it should be Adam's judgement whether to put them on the shelves...it's in his job description!

Adam came up with a new way to deal with ILL books - he now has a "bookmark" type marker instead of the yellow "wrapper", a great idea!

Adam has another wonderful new idea. He wants to turn the Friday morning children's story hour into a children's music and story hour. He bought a "Box of Music" program that would help organize the 20 week program. We would change the day and hours from Friday to Saturday AM beginning at 9 before the "regular" hours. When patrons come to the library at 10 they will hear children and music. It ties into the other music programs at the library and puts us on the map as the "music" library of the valley. We would need to hire someone to run the program at a cost of \$600. Closing the library on Friday would save on some expenses. The program could start in September.

Programming:

Teas concluded with Kiara Ann Perico on May 30th.

Approximately 45 people attended!

Ashley is starting on the Friends funded art program on June 27.

Jodi has a summer reading program largely in place.
(outer space theme)

On The Same Page programming:

Eric Hoffner: "That Log's Got Potential" paid up for round 2 in the fall.

Fly casting with Marla Blair in June & August. June is filled, August is 70% filled.

Art:

Off until September. Tess and Bill Rock were suggested as possibly having another show.

Grants:

All grant money must be spent by September 30th.

Equal Access - Kindles now out on loan, will purchase Wii soon. There are still funds available to purchase more books for the Kindles.

On The Same Page Grant - \$7500 - of this we've spent about \$4500 on books and speakers.

Gates Grant - We have funds. Bill Martel says we can get going very soon on the Gates Grant money. He will talk to Edna about it.

New computers will be purchased, Windows 7 will be loaded by the school when it becomes available.

Bookmobile:

The program is likely to cease during 2010, but will continue until the end of 2009. There are some ideas for restructuring, having large "deposits" of materials,

mainly audio books, delivered to libraries with regular deliveries.

Shifting:

Adam wants to create a teen computer area, but is having a problem placing computers near accessible wiring.

We talked about possibly going wireless,

but filters may not work, etc. Adam will talk to Jerry Champagne about it.

Money:

Possible loss of school money - We learned from Rena that we'll still have Rosalba, half of the school budget, and \$500 from the Amherst Education Foundation.

We got a donation of \$300 from the Lion's Club to purchase an additional Kindle. Adam will add \$189 and get a larger format Kindle.

The Selig family want to donate money to the library. Jonathan will contact them.

New Business:

Jonathan is buying Gail Berube a book, we will have a "thank you and farewell" party at Francine's house when the weather gets warmer.....TBA

Heidi Dollard (cheese workshop) and Amy Klippenstein (gardening workshop in September) donated money back to the library that was paid to them for their workshops. Thank you!

Trustee Education:

Read Chapters 7 & 8. (Budgeting & Finance, and Fundraising)

Thanks to Marianne for taking minutes in May!

Next meeting: **July 15th at 7:00.** No meeting in August.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully submitted,

Francine T. Ozereko