

Pelham Library Board of Trustees

Present: Adam Novitt, director, Marianne Reiff, Francine T. Ozereko, Alberta Booth, Blair Bigelow, Nora Maroulis.

Absent: Jonathan Woodbridge.

Meeting brought to order at 7:03.

As Jonathan is absent, Marianne graciously accepted to run the meeting.

Minutes from last meeting (July) were approved and will be sent to Kim at the town office.

Announcements:

There was talk about joining the Trustees & Friends of the Massachusetts Library Trustees Association. We will join and pay the fee by putting it on the warrant.

The Gates computers are in, one is a laptop, which is getting lots of software installed at the moment.

There is no warrant this month.

Finance:

Adam presented the FY 2010 budget. The donation line has been adjusted to be more realistic. Adam wants to give Ashley a \$2.00/hr raise, we approved the request. We changed the "Miscellaneous" category to \$1500, added Office equipment & Library supplies - \$3000, KoHA licensing fee - \$1000, and added professional development - \$500.

Old Business:

Our new mission statement is written (thank you, Nora) with an addition that makes clear that the Pelham School Library is "appropriately monitored".

The action plan revision will be written by Adam and brought to the October meeting. The 5 year plan will be worked on soon - will confirm at October meeting.

Director's Report:

Programming:

Wine tasting on Sept. 24 at 6:30, mandatory attendance for all trustees.

Over 60 people attended the screening of The Lorax film. People wanted to do it again! Getting the weather and time of darkness to cooperate is difficult!

New "carbon watch" group beginning with monthly speakers on Oct 8. They will meet on the second Thursday of each month.

Friday morning children's story hour with Jody will resume until the new year. If attendance improves it will continue.

The new children's music hour will begin on Oct. 10 and take place every second Saturday of the month. Ashley will come and make rattle-like instruments with the children at the first two meetings. CC grant funding is likely to occur.

MMA Home Energy workshop will be on October 5 at 7 PM.

Tomorrow Ashley will be working on the press releases for the upcoming library events. Thanks, Ashley!

On The Same Page programming:

Eric Hoffner: "That Log's Got Potential" paid up for round II

in fall is moved to spring because of log availability.

Amy Klippenstine garden workshop is a possibility.

Art: Now on view: Steve Plummer

Grants: All grant money must be spent by Sept. 30.

Grants wrapping up, some money unspent, but grants were really too large.

Bookmobile: After Dec 09 program likely to restructure to audio books and DVDs, maybe no deposit collection.

Gates: Computers are in, need to be installed.

Shifting: Adam is in touch with Jerry Champagne about moving computers to accommodate the new teen area. Work is progressing slowly toward wireless APRS network to accommodate new computers.

Children's Books: See new business.

KOHA: Likely implementing in May 2010. We need time to work to accommodate the school.

New Business:

Adam and Nora will continue to work on the appeal letter for the children's book collection. They will run the final draft by Rena and the PTO. There was discussion about personalizing letters, different types of presentations for the appeal - letter vs "card", tear off return vs separate return slip, envelope included or not? When Adam & Nora get it worked out we'll have an "envelope stuffing party" to get the mailers out.

We decided to send the minutes to Ann McNeal to post on our website, as Kim does not post them on the town's website. I'll

forward all the minutes I've sent via email (since I've been the note taker) to Ann. (Forwarded on Sept. 17, Ann is in VA, but will work on it when she returns.)

Minutes will still be forwarded to Kim/town office as well.

Trustee Education: Tabled until October meeting

AOB: Rotating Chair Position: Brief discussion - we all love Jonathan and think he does a wonderful job! More next month....

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30.

Next meeting: October 14, 7 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Francine T. Ozereko