

Pelham Library Board of Trustees – April 21, 2010

Present: Director Adam Novitt, Blair Bigelow, Alberta Booth, Francine T. Ozereko, Nora Maroulis, Marianne Reiff and Jonathan Woodbridge.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05.

Minutes from last month's meeting were approved and will be sent to the town office to David Dan, and to Ann for the website.

Announcements:

Blair will be chair next month. Jonathan graciously stepped in to chair the meeting...thanks, Jonathan!

This is Alberta's last meeting as a trustee! She's been a trustee for 30+ years.

The warrant was passed around and signed. The periodicals were included this month, making it a very thick pile of paper!

Finances:

We're at about 60% of spending of our budget for the year. Some categories are high, some low. We're about ¾ of the way through the fiscal year at this point. There were suggestions to reallocate funds, that is, take funds from one line and add it to another. All funds allocated by the town have been spent.

There was also talk about the demise of the bookmobile and what will happen in the future.

Old Business:

Ethics Training: Kathy says we haven't handed in our forms, but we did, placing them in either the box here at the library, or the box at Rhodes Building. Is someone checking this out? We shouldn't have to take the test again! Adam has to complete his training.

Directors Report:

April has been a "short month" since I was sick or out for most of last week. With the Monday holiday it's been a struggle just to get the warrant out and other admin done. It was good to see people step in during my absence.

At the moment I am playing catch up from last week, and helping get out the Friend's mailing. So, there's not a lot of preamble.

General Administration

- March circ numbers show continued positive trend. The numbers look very good. (we broke 4,000!)
- Please see warrant

- KOHA migration to take place June,1 as scheduled.
- The Select Board refused the grant offered by the state, much to my chagrin. The energy committee wants to continue to meet to peruse further options. For the time being I will be participating.

Staff & Volunteers

- Ann McNeal continuing to work on website. (We've had 800 "visitors" since the beginning of the year)
- Pelham School library much improved weekly meetings on Monday.
- Jodi Levine will be taking an expanded role as Youth Services Librarian. I hope to give her an initial budget of \$2000 for books and services. It would be best if Jodi was able to handle most "youth services" from cradle to grave. This way Jodi can serve many administrative functions should I be unavailable.
- Jodi and Ashley will do children's movie night again in May.
- Sally, as ever, seems happy.
- Staff meeting: I thought we had a time setup, but it got scuttled. Jodi and Ashley have different schedules. With being out last week I have not gotten back to this.

Systems & Facilities

- Rick has prepared a quote for a 2011 warrant item for the doors. Doors will be single with a double main entrance.
- WiFi upgrade. Parts ordered, still haven't show up.

Programs & Events

- Six weeks of Yoga, ongoing.
- Friend's Pelham v. Shutesbury challenge now June or July. We may wind up moving this to fall. (Sept.)
- Mushroom log thing workshop, first weekend in May.
- Story hour soldiers on with good results.
- Carbon Watch hosting monthly meetings, pretty good attendance though it seems down a bit.
- We will have a "new" book club meeting here, with about 20 members.
- There are 3 volunteers shelf reading J Pics. (hooray)

New Business:

We need someone to take over the gallery director job. Any suggestion?

Marianne likes to do the J Pics....hmmmmm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20

We will miss you, Alberta!

Respectfully submitted,

Francine T. Ozereko

