

Pelham Library Board of Trustees - May 26, 2010

Present: Adam Novitt, Director, Don Verrastro, Nora Maroulis, Blair Bigelow, Marianne Reiff, Francine T. Ozereko

Absent: Jonathan Woodbridge

Minutes were approved and will be sent to the town and Ann McNeal. A copy will be placed in the "minutes file" at the library as well.

Announcements:

Welcome to Don Verrastro, our new trustee! He'll talk with Kathy about Ethics form and swearing in.

Alberta's Derby Day/Goodbye party was a big success.

Adam has completed the on-line Ethics test.

Director's Report: May '10, Adam Novitt

May of '10 was a bit of a sleepy month with winter programming ending and summer reading and crafts not quite started up. Overshadowing it all was the fate of WMRLS which will be absorbed into the Mass. Library System on July 1 of 2010. Yesterday I (Adam) attended the meeting where the member libraries acceded to the absorption on WMRLS into MLS. (There was much talk about the WMRLS debacle at the meeting.)

General Administration

April circ numbers still good, above 3000. May looks to be about the same.

Please see warrant

KOHA migration to take place on or about July 1. We are now working on final transition.

Gates Grant money to be spent over summer - \$2600 from

both town and Gates.

Library to start purchasing Penguin Classics. These are mostly paperbacks, and to start I will concentrate on American authors.

Staff & Volunteers

Ann McNeal continuing to work on website

School/Town librarian weekly meetings continue.

Jodi Levine raise to \$12/hr. (approved by board of trustees)

Jodi and Ashley will do children's movie night again in June. Low expectations for summer, maybe outdoor movies?

Staff meeting: We had a staff meeting yesterday and will have another just prior to KOHA launch.

Systems & Facilities

WiFi upgrade: Parts ordered, still haven't shown up.

Library yet to change over to AC.

Programs & Events

Six weeks of yoga ends. To resume, maybe paid classes, in fall.

Friends Pelham v. Shutesbury challenge moved to September.

Mushroom log workshop and tea this weekend. Tea again in June.

Story hour ends, summer reading to begin in July, run by Jodi and Rosalba (?). (Nora will see that it gets published in the Pelham Press.)

Ashley starts 10 part craft program for summer. (Also to be published in Pelham Press.)

Carbon Watch hosting monthly meetings, pretty good attendance, though it seems down a bit.

Director's Report was accepted by board of trustees.

Old Business:

Rotating chair? Jonathan no longer wants to be chair, shall we rotate again? Nora will be chair in June.

New Business:

"Thanks for trying" to Rep. Kulik and Sen. Rosenberg for their attempt to keep WMRLS going...we'll see how it turns out.

Council on Aging requested a key and a telephone. Adam will try to welcome them and let them know that they are part of the community. We also have to check our policy about loaning keys to groups for the community room. We'll discuss it again.

We may like to celebrate other events, such as athletic events, political debates and conventions in our big-screen TV room.

Ten Year Anniversary celebration: Francine will be the liaison with the Friends and the Cultural Council to work on the celebration.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:16.

Next meeting is June 16, 2010 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Francine T. Ozereko