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Trustees Minutes Tuesday, January 22, 2008

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Present: Sally Brown Linda Barron, Matthew Bansfield, Barbara Clancy, , and Barbara Steadman. Jean Dahler was not present.

Call meeting to order: 7:05 p.m.

Public comments: David Holdcraft was recognized. He asked what we are doing with the Wii? Brenda answered his question. He was presented with materials governing the policies and rules governing public libraries. He was told that at our February meeting we will have a consultant from the Library System to answer questions. He continues to ask the same questions and then argues with our answers.

Larry Van Cott, who was manning the camera, asked if we had a waiver of liability. He was told that parents sign for any child under fourteen.

Barbara Steadman read a statement she had prepared concerning the running of our library.(a copy of this statement is attached to the minutes)

Minutes from December 10th and December 19th were approved with two corrections.

Old Business:

Heat update—two new thermostats installed, 50 at night, 70 daytime, shuts off half hour before we close, turns on half hour before we open.

Custodian job description: We voted to pass over this for now.

Dog Fund draft (suggestion), to be submitted to by-law committee and school committee for review. Matthew has researched this carefully. We will also send a copy to Selectmen. All were in favor of doing this.

Behavior Policy Review edits. Brenda has a form to be used for violations. Photography is allowed but only for historical reasons or events held at the library. We must be sure all privacy rights are observed. All food and drink needs to be controlled and only consumed in one designated area.

Linda made the motion we accept the Behavior Policy as edited. Sally seconded. All were in favor.

Ron Wassmer has called to schedule the plastering and painting that needs to be done. Matthew said he thought the ceiling should have two coats of paint while all the staging is here. He will call and talk with Ron.

New Business:

Kate Simpson has agreed to accept the assistant position. Linda moved we appoint her and Sally seconded. All were in favor. She will begin this week.

Barbara S. made a motion we revert to traditional Tuesday night meetings. We discussed this and agreed to meet the first Tuesday of each month in the Library at 7pm. Linda seconded this and we were all in favor.

We will all plan to attend the Advisory Board Meeting, Wednesday, February 6, 2008 -8:00- 9:00 p.m.

Brenda presented a letter to the Editor, to the Citizen, from Ross and Brenda. We reviewed the letter and said send it. It seemed like a positive move. (copy attached.) *mutual decision not to submit but it was read to the camera*

Linda made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 pm. Barbara seconded. All in favor.

Memo's

MBLC Dec. 10, 2007

BOS Dec. 26, 2007

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State Aid received \$4690.88

'Forever Stamps'

Mileage rate, 50.5 cents a mile.

Next meeting, Tuesday, February 5, 7:00 p.m.

~~Adjourn~~

Respectfully,

Barbara A. Clancy
Secretary

For ⁵ straight Trustees' Meetings, we have been subjected to a litany of how many things are wrong with the library. Many of these things happened 6 to 18 months ago and we as a group have dealt with all of them and have moved on. Frankly, my patience is worn very thin after listening to the same old rhetoric month after month. We have more important things we have to be concerned with.

As far as chaos in the library, as a retired teacher who was probably the strictest one in the town where I taught, I have seen no sign of anything close to chaos. Since I am in the library at least 2 or 3 times a week, I think I have a handle on what goes on.

At this time, I would like to commend the Director, Brenda, and her staff on the excellent job they do in making our library a very comfortable place for people to come to.

Instead of finding fault with the library and the people involved, we should be very thankful for the great library we have here in Brookfield.

Read by Barbara S. at our 1-22-08

February 2008 Citizen

From our 1-22-08 meeting

Letter to the Editor:

Police Chief Ross Ackerman and Library Director Brenda Metterville are planning monthly presentations at the public library. With the best interests of our beautiful community as our foremost priority, the series will connect issues relating to the health and well-being of our citizens. During February vacation Resource Officer Nick Abair will host *Guitar Hero* for students (adults are welcome, too!). For March we are coordinating a presentation on Bullying—including cyber bullying. April—Bike Safety—which can't be stressed enough for our young people. May, well, we are still working out the schedule for this collaborative series. (Please read the Library News page for details.) Recommendations for presentations are welcome. We look forward to a productive and successful year. Respectfully submitted,
Ross Ackerman and Brenda Metterville.

This was not put in the Citizen as the Police Department decided not to participate. It was read in front of the camera