



The Beacon Falls Public Library

Library Board of Directors

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Board of Directors

Minutes of September 12, 2007

Regular Monthly Meeting

- I. Call to order: Chairman Mary MacEachern called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm in the Connie Christensen Children's Room of the Library.

Members present: Mary MacEachern, Maryann Smith, Cookie Siemensi, Susan Levine, Peter Christensen.

Staff Present: Marsha Durley, Head Librarian

- II. Review of agenda.

Motion to accept agenda: C. Siemensi / M. Smith, all approved

- III. Motion to accept corrected minutes of June 13, 2007: P. Christensen / S. Levine, all approved.

- IV. Public Comment: Sue Dowdell inquired about the Long Range Plan representative.

- V. Friends Report: Marsha reported the following:

- Ballet project grant monies received (\$17K) to cover costs.
- Next Friend's meeting: 10/02/07
- Appears that incumbents on Friend's Board will stay on.
- Friend's will have a booth at the Duck Race on 09/29.
- Book sale on 10/20/07 along with Children's Pumpkin Activities
- Entertainment Books still available.

- VI. Building Committee Report:

- Town notified that Powanski Property on Pent Rd. no longer available.
- 1st. Selectman held special meeting re: Senior Center/Library project on land that was no longer available. -?-
- No Building Committee meetings held recently. None planned.

- VII. United Valley Library Report:

- Group looking at a Foreign Language/culture Collection
- Overall, Summer Programs throughout the Valley were down in attendance.

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- VIII. Five Year Plan:
Need to proceed with it as soon as possible. Proceed with Grant for Plan Writer. Four, 4 hour long meetings needed over the next year. A 5 yr. plan MUST precede any building project. "Stake-Holder" groups need to be identified. Group to include approx. 10-12 people. Maryann & Cookie volunteered to "tag-team" their time to the group.
- IX. Librarian's Report:
General review and discussion of the June, July, and August Service Report, Financial Report, and Bills Paid Report. Marsha stated that overall, the summer numbers are lower than usual. Financials are all in order, and the bills paid show the usual variety of expenses.
- X. Old Business:
Architects plans for Registrar space briefly reviewed. Town Crew to handle demolition and painting. Sub-Contract other work. A 45 day "start-finish" time line was mentioned, but with some doubt.
- XI. New Business:
A new clerk is needed as soon as possible. Board members were asked to offer names if possible, and perhaps check with Karen Wilson on anyone interested.
- XII. Announcements / Adjournment:
Mary MacEachern announced she will not be running for re-election to the Library Board in November. The Board may wish to consider someone for a Temporary Chair Position. Also, changes in the Banking / financial dealings will have to be made. The Board, in unison, thanked Mary for all her time, hard work and attention to detail over the years and wished her well
- Mary also stated that she once again nominated Marsha for the "Women Making a Difference in the Valley" award. Unfortunately the nominating committee doesn't know and appreciate Marsha as we do and passed over her for this award. Their loss.
- Mary announced that the next regular monthly meeting will be held October 10, 2007 at 7:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 8:26 pm: P. Christensen / M. Smith, all approved

Respectfully submitted:

Peter A. Christensen
Board Sec./ Treasurer