

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was held at Southworth Library on September 9, 2008. Ms. Aisenberg called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. All trustees were present.

BOARD MEMBERS

Kathryn Aisenberg, Chairperson
Rachel Charrier, Vice Chairperson
Lorraine Carey

Andrew Couto
Paul Pereira
Dolores Sharek

Staff

Denise M. Medeiros, Director of Libraries
Lynne Antunes, Acting Assistant Director

FRIENDS OF DARTMOUTH LIBRARIES

Marcia Beardsley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Sharek motioned to accept the minutes of the August 26, 2008 regular meeting and was seconded by Ms. Aisenberg.

At 4:40, all Trustees voted to go into executive session in order to discuss the Director's contract.

At 5:10 p.m., the regular meeting resumed.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL DIRECTOR

Mr. Pereira reported that the budget is right on track at this time.

FRIENDS OF DARTMOUTH LIBRARIES

Ms. Antunes reported that the Friends would like to get more museum passes for patrons. Friends inquired as to the art in the meeting room and were told that the Trustees are looking into it at this time.

Friends have changed their meeting time from 9:15 to 9:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of the month.

There will be a program on New Zealand, October 23 at 7:00 p.m.

The upcoming book sale will be on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, October 2, through October 4, concluding on Monday, October 6.

Ms. Antunes also mentioned that she has purchased a disk repair machine with money from the Friends for \$2500 plus the cost of an extended warranty.

DARTMOUTH LIBRARY FOUNDATION

Ms. Sharek reported that:

Rick Bolton will help with golf tournament to take place on January 25, 2009.

Bucks for Books will also get books for our branch library.

Ms. Medeiros discussed the Murder Mystery night in March as well as the Annual Foundation Dinner of October 22 consisting of Italian cuisine for \$20 per person with the venue at the Southworth Library.

CORRESPONDENCE

Philosophy major from UMD inquired if students could display their art for sale at the library with 60% of earnings to the student and the remaining 40% to benefit the library.

Also discussed by this same philosophy student was the possibility of setting up a tutoring program in English and Math as well as help with homework at the library for elementary school children.

Ms. Aisenberg suggested the possibility of offering help sessions at the library on early-release days.

Ms. Medeiros received correspondence from the Massachusetts Library Commissioners regarding "green" library incentive grants which makes Dartmouth eligible for an extra 5% if the town chooses to participate. Ms. Medeiros suggested that we file by November 3, 2008.

Ms. Medeiros explained that since the Governor has cut monies going to library networks, Dartmouth's assessment will be higher this year. She explained that as the result of a survey, 13 responses had been received as to the value of the network.

ART AND ARTIFACTS

Ms. Aisenberg tabled the discussion since Mr. Al Walker would be away till mid-week.

Mr. Pereira wanted to look into the authenticity of the art before any further decisions were made.

It was agreed that the art should be out of the room before the book sale.

PRIVATIZATION

Ms. Aisenberg is waiting to hear back from LSSI. She expressed a desire to locate on a map the many towns from which we get books, DVD's etc.

Ms. Medeiros mentioned that writing an RFP is a time-consuming endeavor, not a simple task since it must cover all aspects of what a library does. She also expressed concern that LSSI gets 5% of every item ordered.

Mr. Couto would like to see an RFP from a comparable town.

Losing certification for Dartmouth Libraries was of much concern.

Ms. Charrier suggested telling LSSI what services we offer and asking them what they would change.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Medeiros will email Trustees as to forthcoming Mass. Legislative executive board breakfast to take place in New Bedford on Halloween.

Ms. Medeiros maintained that certification protects libraries.

The scheduling process was discussed at length.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

The next meeting of the Trustees will take place at the North branch on October 14, 2008 at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine Carey, Trustee