

**BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was held at the North Branch Library on October 14, 2008. Ms. Aisenberg called the meeting to order at 4:32 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Sharek motioned to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2008 regular meeting and was seconded by Mr. Couto.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL DIRECTOR

Mr. Pereira reported that the budget is running on schedule.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Medeiros discussed the repair of library roof. Mr. Couto suggested that a company be allowed to submit a bid and that other roofing companies bid as well to get the lowest bid.

DARTMOUTH LIBRARY FOUNDATION

The annual meeting will be held at Southworth Library on October 22 at 6:00 p.m. followed by an Italian dinner with entertainment by Two Old Friends.

Ms. Medeiros reported that rental materials are included in circulation numbers.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Medeiros said that there was no correspondence this month.

PRIVATIZATION

Ms. Aisenberg related that she has not gotten back to Mr. Joseph Michaud.

She also mentioned that a map showing the towns and cities from which Dartmouth libraries get their books would be useful in explaining the value of SAILS.

Mr. Pereira suggested that we write an RFP noting everything that we want for our library.

Ms. Medeiros replied that there is only one company and that we should do a power point presentation to Select Board. She also mentioned that we do not have a Massachusetts model on an RFD and that the cost to write one would be in the 7,000 to 10,000 range.

Mr. Pereira felt that we need numbers to present how the SAILS network functions.

Ms. Medeiros suggested a fact-collecting committee of four people. Kathryn Aisenberg, Lynne Antunes, Lorraine Carey and Denise Medeiros volunteered to be on this committee.

DIRECTOR'S CONTRACT

Trustees signed the one-year contract.

Ms. Charrier mentioned that it would include whatever COLA other non-union personnel get.

DIRECTOR'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The document stipulating the goals and objectives was handed to the Director with discussion to take place at a later time.

ARTS AND ARTIFACTS

Ms. Aisenberg and Ms. Medeiros had met with Al Walker who had separated the trash from the treasures. There was a discussion as to whether or not we should wait for better economic times to sell the art. There was also a question as to Al Walker's restoring some of the art gratis.

WAIVER 09

A discussion of the Municipal Appropriation Requirement vs. the library budget ensued as the Trustees analyzed the chart that Ms. Medeiros had prepared.

CORI CHECKS, VOLUNTEERS

Ms. Medeiros suggested that if we required checks of UMD volunteers, we should do them on all volunteers. She said that she would write a letter to request CORI for all volunteers.

REVISED MEETING ROOM POLICY

Ms. Medeiros mentioned that the only change was that of adding North Dartmouth.

Ms. Aisenberg asked if there was a binder of library policies in place and Ms. Medeiros replied that the policies are on the web. Requests for room use will be online and approved by staff. Mr. Pereira motioned to accept the revised room policy with Ms. Sharek seconding the motion.

FEES FOR MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES POLICY

Mr. Pereira requested an outside sign advertising the fax service. A motion to accept the fees policy was made by Mr. Pereira and seconded by Ms. Charrier.

NASHVILLE—PLA SPRING SYMPOSIUM

Ms. Medeiros explained that there was a two-day workshop on interpreting statistics in Nashville, Tennessee, which she and Ms. Antunes thought valuable.

Mr. Couto commented that these economic times did not permit the cost of flight and lodging while Ms. Aisenberg suggested that a statistics course offered locally would be a better option.

BUILDING PROJECT

All trustees were in favor of abandoning the building of a new library at this time and to keep North Dartmouth open.

UMASS DARTMOUTH UPDATE

Ms. Medeiros mentioned that library collaboration with UMD is moving on and that we need to commit to keeping the branch library open. Circulation numbers prove that it is being used. Ms. Aisenberg suggested that a book club and some programs be located at the North branch as well.

ART POLICY--NORTH

Ms. Medeiros would like to change the 60%/40% policy to one where students would be compensated for their expenses. Ms. Aisenberg suggested checking with other institutions that exhibit art.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

The next meeting of the library Trustees will be at the North branch on November 4 at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine Carey, Trustee

