

LONDONDERRY LEACH LIBRARY

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Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Richard Matckie. The following board members were in attendance: Pauline Caron, Robert Collins, William Feldmann, Karen Goodman, Richard Matckie, and Betsy McKinney. Also in attendance: Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp, Library Director; Sally Nelson, Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services; Kathy Mague, Assistant Director and Head of Reference Services.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary's Report for February 7, 2011 was distributed prior to the meeting. No changes were made. A **motion** was made by Betsy McKinney to accept the minutes as written. The **motion was seconded** by Pauline Caron. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

Friend's Report:

The Friends are currently working on plans for the Cakeless Bake Sale in May and a silent auction to be held in April. The auction will be limited to 5 or 6 items and the bids will be sealed.

Director's Report:

Gifts Donated to the Leach Library –

- Mr. Richard Matckie donated a Norfolk Island pine to the library.
- Mrs. Kathy Carr donated a copy "Delivering Development: Globalization's Shoreline and the Road to a Sustainable Future" by Edward R. Carr.
- Mr. Lawrence F. Gray donated \$100.00 to the library.

A **motion** was made by Robert Collins to accept the gifts. The **motion was seconded** by Karen Goodman. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

Programs –

- On Thursday, February 10, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., the library hosted "Ahoy, Pirates!". 36 individuals attended the program.
- On Thursday, March 10, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., the library presents the Random Acts of Harmony Concert. A musical trio comprised of members Rob Becker, Dick Kruppa, and Randy Filliger perform familiar folk tunes in three-part harmony with acoustic guitar, five-string banjo, and stand-up bass accompaniment. Over

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- the years, they have played and sung in groups that opened for The Beach Boys, The Lettermen, and Pete Seeger. Spend an evening listening to traditional and contemporary folk tunes and learning the stories and histories of the songs and songwriters.
- On Thursday, April 14, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., the library will hold the program “ The Old Man of the Mountain: Substance and Symbol” with Maggie Stier. This illustrated talk will explore the story of the Old Man of the Mountain and its importance to the history of New Hampshire. Ms. Stier will discuss the different and evolving ways that the Old Man affected our history, arts, literature, philosophy and even public policy over its 200-year history. The presentation will include images of paintings, literary passages, souvenirs, film clips of interviews with those closest to the Old Man, and a discussion of the current efforts to memorialize the state symbol.
 - On Thursday, May 12, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., the library will offer “Painting Myths and Legends” with Dr. Andrew Laurie Stangel. This illustrated lecture will examine the classical traditions of ancient Greece and Rome that have influenced the art of the Western World. Dr. Stangel will discuss how these traditions have been narrated in paint by some of the world’s greatest artists from the Renaissance and Baroque through modern times while showing examples of art-historical slides photographed in museums and galleries throughout Europe and the United States.

Announcements -

- On Saturday, November 20, 2010, the Historical Room’s HVAC malfunctioned, causing water to leak and waterlogged ceiling tiles to fall. The documentation for the claim was mailed on December 2, 2010. To date, the town has received one check for \$1,091.86 to replace the damaged books. The town has received a second check for \$150.00. Both checks have been posted to the library budget. The last of the books have been received, and the invoices have been sent to the Local Government Center so the claim should be complete.
- On February 7, 2011, it was discovered that some shingles had fallen off the roof. Steve Cotton was emailed about the issue. The roofers came on February 9, 2011, and they removed snow and ice and patched the shingles. The gutter will also need replacing.

Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services Report:

- During the month of February, the total number of adult and children’s materials circulated was 24,571, an increase of 3.27% over February 2010.
- On Monday, we had an exciting *Visit with a Wild Thing*. A total of 58 participants came to hear a story, sing a song and have a photo opportunity with our Wild Thing visitor.
- Spring Session 1 programs begin in the Children’s Room on March 15 and run through April 7. Advance registration is required and begins at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 7.

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- On Wednesday, March 9 and Thursday, March 10 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. the Massabesic Audubon will be presenting their *Fabulous Frogs* program. Each session is open to 20 children and advance registration began yesterday, March 1.
- To go with our special program, this month's display in the children's room is materials all about frogs. Come and check out fiction, non fiction and movies, from Kermit the Frog to *Pets in a Jar*.
- In the Young Adult section, voting for the favorite read from the Isinglass and Flume Book Award short-lists is ongoing. These are books geared for middle school and high school readers respectively. Each participant receives a raffle ticket for a chance to win a prize.

Assistant Director and Head of Reference Services Report:

- The reference staff answered 848 reference questions in February and answered 83 directional questions. This is a 14.7% increase in questions from last February. We had 663 Internet logons.
- The Oscars have come and gone, but you can still have some Oscar fun. Take our quiz located on the large table and see how knowledgeable you are on the history of the Academy Awards. Peruse the DVDs on many of the past winners and keep an eye open for some of this year's winners as they become available on DVD at the Leach Library.
- Are you prepared to go the distance? If you plan to run the Boston Marathon on April 18 you will need to be in training now. We have books on running and training displayed on the small table. If you prefer running as a spectator sport you can read up on some of the great runners of our time.

Old Business:

- FY11-12 Budget

Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp stated that there is a possibility that the library could receive more budget reductions at Town Meeting. The Governor has removed a portion of the state paid retirement contributions for local government employees out of his proposed State budget. The impact to the Town's budget is approximately \$500,000. Hence, the FY11-12 Budget cannot be finalized at this time.

New Business:

- Richard Matckie Tribute

Betsy McKinney, Vice Chair, on behalf of the members of the Board of Trustees, thanked Richard Matckie for his years of dedicated service and presented him with an engraved clock.

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Non Public Session:

Enter Non Public Session

Chairman Richard Matchkie requested a roll call vote to enter Non Public Session pursuant RSA 91-A:3 II, subparagraph (a), the dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.

Roll Call Vote: Aye, William Feldmann; Aye, Pauline Caron; Aye, Robert Collins; Aye, Richard Matchkie; Aye, Betsy McKinney; Aye, Karen Goodman.

A **motion** was made by Pauline Caron to allow Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp to attend non public session as the subject pertains. The **motion was seconded** by William Feldmann. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

The Board entered Non Public Session at 7:35 p.m.

Exit Non Public Session

Chairman Richard Matchkie requested a motion to exit Non Public Session. Pauline Caron made a **motion** at 8:07 p.m. to exit Non Public Session. The **motion was seconded** by Robert Collins. Board's **vote** 6-0-0.

A **motion** was made at 8:08 p.m. by William Feldmann to adjourn the meeting. The **motion was seconded** by Karen Goodman. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

Notes by: Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp, Sally Nelson, Kathy Mague

Minutes Typed by: Sally Nelson Date: March 3, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Nelson
Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services