

MINUTES OF THE DUNBARTON LIBRARY TRUSTEES
March 9, 2009

In Attendance: Andrea Douglas, Kirsten Petretta, Norm Roberge, Deb Trottier,
Tiffany Dodd & Lori Wamser

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

Deb Trottier made a motion to accept the February meeting minutes. Seconded by Norm Roberge. Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- Town appropriation: In January & February 2009 we received approximately \$500 less than we should have, but it should increase in March and each month thereafter.
- The CD matures in May 2009. We should renew at least a portion of it. Cash flow is fine until May and we can pull funds out then if necessary.

Motion made to accept Treasurer's Report by Lori Wamser. Seconded by Deb Trottier. Approved.

Budget 2009:

Voluntary \$500 Budget reduction: We will see what the collective mood of the crowd at Town Meeting is before we do anything. Motion made by Norm Roberge to present a goodwill gesture of voluntarily reducing the library budget by \$500. Debate ensued on the overall impact of a \$500 reduction on our perception to the townspeople as a Board willing to reduce the budget by ½%. Will they want it to be more? Will it create an attitude of 'Why don't any other committees do this'? Will it create animosity among departments? The pulse is hard to detect on the feelings at this point, therefore the motion was not seconded due to hesitation and several reservations over the issue. Motion withdrawn by Norm Roberge. Tiffany Dodd has decided to respect the withdrawal of the motion.

Other Business:

- Selectman's meeting may be attended on March 26th by Lori Wamser if she is available and then we may rotate doing the monthly drop-in.
- Deb Trottier attended the 2/19/09 Selectman's Meeting and reported the following discussion items pertaining to the library: the sign is missing and may be under the snow, so we wait for The Big Melt to occur. A library sign needs to be made to put under the Town Hall sign on the front of the building. Tree trimming to be done – do we need to coordinate with the town, ie. Don't plan events outside until it's done. An elm tree will be planted on the Green **before** May 31 by the Boy Scouts. Line is to check with the Fire Chief to be sure the Tours of the Upstairs are okay.
- THANK YOU! We would all like to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to Norm Roberge and Deb Trottier for all of their hard work over the past 6 years. We will certainly miss them!
- Signatory on accounts – Norm Roberge to be removed as signatory from accounts. Tiffany Dodd needs to initiate the paperwork as our chair. Norm will do another check run to transition us over to a new bookkeeper. Invoices need

to be reviewed as close to meetings as possible. Lori Wamser to oversee the transition.

- Joint programs with Dunbarton Elementary School: Andrea Douglas to explore sharing a program for enrichment with the school and supporting them as they decide on programs for the kids. Norm Roberge suggested we “volunteer” some hours at the school library to get a foot in further towards bridging the gap between us and the school. Can we support any book discussions as a program which spins off from the Great Stone Face book talks?
- NH Preservation Alliance: Lori Wamser & Tiffany Dodd attended the workshop on historical preservation and discovered a lot of information for money resources out there. Our building is not on the State Registry of Historic Buildings and Tiffany Dodd has paperwork for this underway. Items we may want to change or check into should be noted before we go for this status as it is irrevocable and we may not be able to change / fix items down the road. The benefit of this classification is that we would be eligible to apply for federal grants and would be able to get a historical consultant to advise us on a plan to restore the upstairs. The next meeting is March 20th on how to write grants for small projects and is to be attended by Tiffany Dodd.

Director’s Report:

- Outstanding issue of large uncollected fines: The Patron is to be taken out of our database.

Centennial Committee:

- Publicity meeting scheduled for March 19th @ 6:30 pm.
- Poster display and Save the Date cards to be set up for voting and Town Meeting, then brought over to the library to be set up.
- Organization of promotion / marketing materials should be started NOW for release in May or June.

Standing Committees: New for 2009 to our monthly Trustee meeting format is the creation of key committees to advise in the stewardship of our library’s resources and promote public awareness. They will be comprised of the Library Director, Trustees and in some cases, non-trustee members will be accepted. These are in the planning stages and will be further established in future meetings.

- **Finance:**
- **Personnel:**
- **Policy:**
- **Buildings & Grounds:**
- **Outreach & Public Relations:**
- **Fundraising:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kirsten Petretta