

## 20090312 WT FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Library at 7 pm

PRESENT: Linda Hearn, Leslie Baker, Hermine Hull, Virginia Jones. Absent (with apologies) Elaine Pace, Dan Waters. Also present: Beth Kramer, Library Director, Sarah Carr, Melissa Hackney

FRIENDS REPORT: No report

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Beth presented her report and the monthly newsletter. Highlights: In order to cover for a staff member on medical leave, Beth hired a temporary ("emergency" 30 days) employee: Laura Coit who will work until the 10<sup>th</sup> of April. At that time the situation will be re-evaluated and the position may be advertised as a 6 month temporary position.

Circulation in all categories and use of the Library continues to grow.

A payment of approximately \$3000 (90%) in Massachusetts aid to Public Libraries has been received.

Mother Goose On The Loose is underway – Colleen and Nelia are going to make an instructional DVD which will be shared with other island libraries showing how to run the program, which is to enhance cognitive development of young kids.

Books on Wheels: at Windemere is going well

Book Group, also going well. The current book is ENCORE.

Community Health Programs – will start soon. Beth explained that a \$6000 grant has been received to assist in this and to purchase materials for the health reference section.

A need for interior maintenance (painting) has been expressed and Hermine and Beth will meet to list some necessary projects.

At the recent staff meeting, Beth explained that the state is working toward eventual standardization of inter-library loans, and all books will need to be bar coded on the outside.

A grant application for 2010 for Reader's Advisory (training for staff to provide a deep and wide knowledge of the collection) has been submitted.

The Library was awarded 4 out of a possible 5 stars by the Library Journal. This is based on various criteria (an arcane formula) in several areas (circulation, etc.). WT ranked 12 out of approximately 1100 libraries in our category. Interestingly there were several libraries from other islands in the top ranking.

Beth attended the MVLA meeting. The goal is to link island libraries together, and the meetings are to provide a way for trustees, friends, and staff to interact. Dan and Hal Garneau (of VH Library) will work on getting the website operational.

MINUTES: of February 12, 2009 were approved with several minor changes. The minutes of February 20, 2009 were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS: The Poet Laureate sub-committee met, reviewed CV and the work of several poets and has recommended that we recommend Fan Ogilvie to the BOS as the next Poet Laureate.

Aprons and Art Wall: Leslie reported that the apron search has hit another dead end but she is persevering in her search for the appropriate type of apron. She has scheduled the Charter School art program for May, and noted that we need frames appropriate for kid's work. Leslie and Hermine will work together to secure funding for frames, and the actual frames, which will be in standard sizes and reusable.

NEW BUSINESS: Linda attended a Trustee Seminar in early March, which focused on Endowments and Foundations. She handed out material and copies of her notes.

Hermine and Ginny will serve as a nominating committee, after the town election, to select a Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary. The issue of Treasurer arose again and it was agreed to discuss it at a future meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC: The two candidates were asked about their areas of expertise, and Melissa Hackney briefly noted her financial and legal background. Sarah Carr asked questions about "the job description," and was given a Trustees Handbook to study.

NEXT TRUSTEES' MEETING: 30 April, 2009 Adjourned 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Virginia C. Jones