

Rye Public Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes
10 October 2007

Present: Trustees: Victor Azzi, Chair, David Brown, Deborah Genestreti, Sallie Mackie, Joan Sweeney. **Library Director:** Kerry Cronin

Victor called the meeting to order at 5:37.

Approval of Minutes of August 2nd, 2007 None were presented.

Financial Report: Kerry presented the written report. Nothing unusual.

Executive Session David motioned to go into executive session at 5:42. Deb seconded. All in favor. Personnel issues were discussed.

Deb motioned to come out of executive session at 6:58. Victor seconded. All in favor.

Comments from the Chair Victor noted that he received word from Ann Malpass that the Friends of Library voted to underwrite the picture hanging system in the community meeting room. Thank you Friends!

Due to time constraints, the posted agenda was modified to address the following issues:

- **SeniorServe** is launching a new program that pairs seniors with volunteers who could make deliveries, do errands, etc. They have asked if the library could be used as a contact, and, in addition, that library staff make copies of the program's color brochure (SeniorServe will pay copy fee). The Board agreed to go ahead, but for Kerry to let them know that all future requests for RPL staff time should come as a proposal to the Director and Board of Trustees.
- **Eyes Wide Open Exhibit** Bob Vincent contacted Kerry by email requesting that the RPL host the Eyes Wide Open exhibit. After discussion, the board decided that although the exhibit sounds wonderful, our library might not be the best venue due to space constraints, and so, decline.

(Sallie left the meeting at 7:15.)

- **The Garden Club** requests to put a box at the circulation desk to collect Shaw's receipts from patrons. Shaw's will donate a percentage of the receipt values to the club. This is ok with everyone.
- **Donation of surplus shelving** Kerry spoke with Marsha Cannon from the brand new Rollinsford Public Library about donations. Our children's room will be donating some books to them. Jim has identified surplus shelving that could also be donated. David suggested the board delegate the decision to Victor, Kerry and Jim to decide what would be prudent for the library to donate and what makes sense to keep. All agreed.

- **Tricia** was honored with the **READS** award nomination. This is an award given by the Adult Services section of the NHLA to a library staff member who has been instrumental in improving services to library users in the reference or adult services areas. Congratulations Tricia!!
- A **\$10,000 donation** has been made to our library from the **Dan and Blythe Brown Foundation**. Deb motioned to accept this donation. David seconded. All in favor. A sincere thank-you to the Browns for their extreme generosity.

'07 Budget Reforecast Joan reported that she and Kerry re-forecasted this year's budget based on third quarter actuals to arrive at average spending through the end of the year. We project that by the end of the fiscal year, RPL expenditures will be balanced by monies provided by the town and augmented by other available gift funds.

By-Laws The Trustees signed the By-Laws as revised and voted in during September's meeting. Thank you David!

NELA Kerry will begin her tenure as Treasurer starting at this month's meeting. Great work, Kerry.

A **Consent Agenda** will be used starting next Board meeting.

Public Comment None

Adjournment At 8:04 pm, David moved to adjourn. Debbie seconded. All in favor.

Next Board Meeting November 8, 2007 at 5:30.

Deborah G. Genestreti
Recorder