

Rye Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes  
9 January 2008

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

Victor called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm.

**Approval of Minutes** Debbie reported that the minutes from last month's board meeting were not available for review at this time.

**Financial Report:** Kerry and Joan reported that the wages and benefits budget lines are overspent by \$5k due to the 53 week year. If our auditors agree that it is appropriate to do so, the overrun will be covered by 2007 recovery funds. The auditors are expected the week of January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Operating expenses are also higher than budgeted due to the extensive snow plowing that was needed in December.

\$63,933 was spent (or will be spent using encumbered funds) on media in 2007.

Joan motioned that in order to follow through with our November message to the Budget Committee, the first two weeks of December's media spending (\$5k) will be covered by funds from the restricted account. David seconded. All in favor.

Kerry made note of the varied media purchases made in December.

The public session of the Budget Committee is tonight at 7 pm.

The warrant article for the RPL to raise \$10k for the Capital Reserve Fund was approved by the Board of Selectmen, but not by the Budget Committee. After discussion, Sallie moved to change the amount of the warrant article to \$5k. David seconded. All in favor.

**Comments from the Chair** None.

**Correspondence**

1. The NH State library notified the RPL that our library has met the initial eligibility criteria to receive a Gates Foundation Grant for a possible \$2.6k per eligible computer. Grant funding is awarded based on economic need as well as age and condition of the library's computers. Kerry will work with Jonathan Ramsay to complete an inventory of RPL computers to see if the library meets the second stage of eligibility.
2. Kerry also reported that she heard from the NH Charitable Foundation that the Access Seniors project was not funded in the fall grant round. Feedback from them was positive, but they would like to see a diversified funding portfolio to cover operating costs, which would also demonstrate support from community partners. No more than 35% of the program expenses should be requested from

the foundation. Kerry and Victor will meet with Tom Argue from Webster at Rye to discuss the decision and the criteria for possible resubmission of the grant.

3. Rye SeniorSERVE – Margaret Carroll will hold an informational evening January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 from 7 to 8 pm for those who wish to volunteer with Rye SeniorSERVE.

**Library Director's Evaluation.** David will email review forms previously used here in Rye for all board members to fill out with regard to Kerry's first year performance as RPL Director. All forms should be completed and sent to Joan by Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008, since she has generously volunteered to summarize everyone's input.

**Circulation Policy** Kerry reported that she and staff have recommended revisions to the RPL's circulation policy to include a seven-day checkout period for the Bestseller Browsing Collection. The proposed policy will not allow for reserving books in this collection, and will require a one-week turn around on these books. Debbie moved to adopt this new policy. Sally seconded. All in favor.

**Miscellaneous** Kerry requested if she could use compensatory time in order to attend the upcoming 2008 American Library Association Mid-Winter Conference in Philadelphia as she plans to attend at her own expense. Sallie moved to approve her request. Joan seconded. All in favor.

**Executive Session** David moved to go into executive session at 5:55. Deb seconded. All in favor. Personal matters were discussed per RSA 91-A:3,11(a).

David moved to leave executive session at 6:18. Deb seconded. All in favor.

**Next Board Meeting** The next two board meetings are scheduled for February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 5:30 pm and March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 also at 5:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22.

Deborah G. Genestreti  
Recorder