

MEETING OF LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2009

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PRESENT: Sharon Saunders, Judy Rabe, Bobbie Ziegra, Liz Householder, Annie Bingham, Jackie Hemond, Michelle Guertin

ABSENT: Phil James

GUESTS: Maryann Casciano, Fu-Ning Fung, Pat Aldrich, Chris Ryley, Gloria Fogarty,

CALL TO ORDER at 6:05PM by Chairman Judy Rabe

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Chris Ryley-request approval of memorial bench for Mary Ryley on library grounds
- Gloria Fogarty-request from Salem Democratic Town Committee to plant a memorial tree on library grounds for Ruth Cole-Chu
- Mr. Fung representative from Community Garden Steering Committee to request use of Old Salem Library grounds for garden
- Mom's Club of Salem-request to use Old Library grounds for a tag sale to support Community Garden

GENERAL PROCEEDINGS

- Minutes of last meetings –minutes of 3-10-09 meeting reviewed and approved Motion made by Michelle, seconded by Liz. M/C 5-0. Special meeting minutes of 3-24-09 read and accepted as corrected. Motion by Liz, seconded by Michelle. M/C 4 yes 1 abstention by Annie
- Financial report as of 4-14-09 presented by Annie. Read and accepted. Motion made by Bobbie, seconded by Michelle M/C 5-0
- Correspondence Letter received by Town Office concerning record disposal. Jackie will manage. Invitation received to attend Wilbur Cross Awards on May 7
- Librarian's report by Jackie. Circulation information presented, new magazines purchased new passes purchased by Friends. Very busy month. Library newsletter written each month has been well received.
- Friends of the Library report presented by Sharon- our new Friends representative!!. Welcome!! Many programs and activities are set and in planning stages. Appreciation dinner will be Aril 18 at Center School

OLD BUSINESS

- Bibliomation status – now online, catalog in place all linked to the Salem town website. Very active, lots of interest
- Library sign needs to be purchased, old sign installation not completed
- Job descriptions - pending
- Meeting room policy - completed
- Telephone update - done
- Bozrah status – 445 registered, Bozrah usage is 7% of total
- Grant status-extension to make adjustments
- Summer reading – Pat Aldrich is coordinator. Will use local talent plus some paid programs. Mad science, Music and dance, Ronald McDonald, Girl Scouts, bird house building. Talent show at the end

NEW BUSINESS

- Jackie has had response from the wish list on the library website. D. Abetti has donated a new wall clock. Mom's Club has offered to care for flower planting around the library. Music cabinet donated by the Mary Ryley fund has been received. Will be put together by volunteers.
- Mary Ryley fund will be used for teen and children items, music, and yearly Nutmeg Books.
- Salem PTO is donating 10 teen and 10 intermediate Nutmeg Books.
- Mr. Fung reported that 30 people were interested in starting the Community Garden Project. This was presented to BOS and endorsed. Liability waivers are prepared, sites at the Old Library have been evaluated, plot plan with 10 sites (10x10) presented, self sufficient for money, fire dept. has donated water tank. Next step is soil testing. Discussion followed. Motion to approve by Annie, seconded by Bobbie. M/C 4 yes and 1 abstention.
- Mom's Club requested use of the Old Library grounds for a Tag Sale to support the Community Garden on Saturday, April 18 from 9-2. Motion made by Michelle, seconded by Liz. M/C 4 with 1 abstention.
- Chris Ryley made a request from Mary's family to donate and locate a memorial bench on the library grounds. BOS and Public Works have approved. This would be located in right hand corner of the parking lot. Motion to approve by Liz, seconded by Michelle. M/C 5-0.
- Gloria Fogarty representing the Democratic Town Committee requests to plant a tree in honor of Ruth Cole-Chu on the library grounds April 25. Jackie will coordinate placement. Motion to approve made by Annie, seconded by Michelle. M/C 5-0

BUDGET- nothing has been cut so far. Town meeting May 6 at Gardener Lake Fire house then referendum May 13.

OPEN DISCUSSION - none

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 PM by Liz, seconded by Annie. M/C %-0

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Ziegler
Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING MAY 12, 2009 AT 6 PM