

Hudson Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes August 18, 2010

Public Hearing – Prior to the start of the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting, a public hearing was held to accept a donation of \$10,000 from Jean Serino. Ms. Serino spoke briefly as to her wishes. She made the donation in the name of Ralph and Jean Kelley. A motion was made by Arlene Creeden to accept the donation, seconded by Linda Kipnes. All were in favor.

Call to order at 7:10 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance led by Scott Slattery

Attendance: Trustees Connie Owen, Scott Slattery, Linda Kipnes, Robin Rodgers, Arlene Creeden, and Library Director Toni Weller. Not present: Shawn Jasper.

Public Input: There was no public input.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Board Minutes from July 21, 2010 – Motion by Scott Slattery, second by Linda Kipnes. Accepted, with minor type corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Scott Slattery, seconded by Linda Kipnes to accept the report and put on file for audit. Work will begin in early September on the new budget.

Correspondence:

A thank you card was received from Dave Jelley in appreciation of the gift the Board presented him at last month's meeting. Connie Owen read the card.

NH Library News 23rd Municipal Volunteer of the Year with a deadline of August 31, 2010 was received. Robin Rodgers made a motion to nominate the Friends of the Library for the award, seconded by Scott Slattery. All were in agreement.

A registration form from the NHLTA was received by all the Trustees for the Autumn Workshops. This year they are offering: Dollars and Sense, and Performance Review and Development.

The New Hampshire Library Trustee Association has awarded the Rodgers Memorial Dream Team the Special Library Service Contribution Award. It is hoped that we can have the award presented at the Unsung Hero's celebration on September 19. Scott Slattery will contact Conrad Moses the President of the NHLTA to check the date.

Chairman's Report: Connie Owen reported that we have had quite a lot of positive publicity this month and shared several newspaper articles with the Board. Both the Hudson~Litchfield News and the Telegraph ran stories about the MOU and the HLN had a nice piece about the Hannaford Grant, and the Serino donation.

The library received a \$2,500 grant thanks to the hard work of Toni Weller and her staff. It is titled "Get Fit @ your Library" and runs along the same lines as First Lady Michelle Obama's "Get Moving Campaign". The grant money will be used for nutrition and fitness programs for children, adults and older patrons this coming year.

Director's Report: In addition to the seven page report of the month's activities, Toni reported that Allison Santiago was hired to fill a vacant position as Library page and will begin her regular schedule by the end of the month.

The Library was a drop off location for the Nashua Soup Kitchen's Back to School program. Toni was happy to report that many patrons participated and a large contribution was made to the Soup Kitchen. Next month we will once again be a drop off site, this time for food items.

The New Hampshire Safety Department did a walk through inspection of the Library and no violations were found, however they offered several suggestions to increase staff safety.

Donation: Arlene Creeden moved to accept donations for the month of June that 42 books, 12 dvd's, and 1 cd, Linda Kipnes seconded. The motion was adopted with thanks to all who donated.

Friends of the Library: Linda Kipnes reported that the Friends were very pleased with the signing of the MOU as they now have a somewhat permanent home for SHP and will begin to rearrange and put out more items for their

monthly sale.

Pete Douquette once again donated \$5 from each t-shirt sale at the GFWC's Yard Sale.

The Friend's will start up their meetings again in September.

47 Ferry Street:

The house is back on the market and being featured on the Harmony RE marquee.

Hills Memorial Library Building: Connie Owen signed the Memorandum of Understanding and School Board Chairman Gary Rodgers signed it on August 2 making the joint venture for the use of the Hills Memorial Library building effective.

Unsung Heroes: The Unsung Hero celebration will be held on September 19, 2010, at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Scott Slattery, discussed finalized plans and everything is on schedule.

Safety Committee: The Safety Committee will meet on Monday, September 13 at 10:30 am in the library. The safety manual in place which will be revised and updated as necessary.

New Business:

Budget: Arlene Creeden, Treasurer, Connie Owen and Toni Weller will meet on September 8 to begin the budget process.

Posting Minutes: Robin Rodgers, Secretary spoke with Lisa Nute the Town's IT Manager about posting the Library minutes on the town's website. Lisa advised that she has no jurisdiction over the Library, but she would love to post our minutes. Therefore, Robin will send the approved minutes to Lisa each month at support.hudsonnh.gov.

Trustee Comments:

Linda Kipnes – She congratulated Betsy and Kate for completing studies for their MLS. Both already have Masters degrees in other areas. She thanked Jean Serino for her wonderful gift, Pete Douquette for his continued support of the library, and she was also very thankful for the back to school donations to the Soup Kitchen.

Scott Slattery – Scott echoed Linda and congratulated Betsy and Kate as well.

Arlene Creeden – Arlene was also proud of the accomplishments of both staff members receiving their MLS and thanked the staff for doing such a wonderful job with the summer programs and she also thanked Jean Serino for her gift..

Connie Owen – Connie thanked Toni and Amy for their work on the Hannaford Grant. She also sent congratulations to Betsy and Kate for the MLS. She welcomed the new Pages and hoped to have a long relationship with them. She once again mentioned the Dream Team winning the Special NHLTA Award and she thanked the Board for all their hard work.

Toni Weller – Toni reminded everyone about the food drive on September 6 through the 11th and was thankful for the support given for the back to school donations.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 15, 2010. 7 p.m. In the Board of Selectman's Meeting Room.

Scott Slattery made a motion to enter into non-public in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (a) and (d). A roll call vote was unanimous.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robin Rodgers, Secretary