

Hudson Library Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2010

Call to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance led by Scott Slattery

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

Acceptance of Minutes:

Board Minutes from May 19, 2010 – Motion by Linda Kipnes, Second by Robin Rodgers. Accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Robin Rodgers, seconded by Linda Kipnes to accept the report and put on file for audit. In the absence of the treasurer, Linda Kipnes made a motion, "To encumber the balance of the money in the salary account for the payment of invoices outstanding as of June 30, 2010. The money to be taken from the balance currently held by the Town Finance Department. We also request these funds to be paid to the Trustees at the close of the salary period for this year or as soon as possible." Scott Slattery seconded the motion. Accepted.

Correspondence:

We received an official notification from Attorney Jay Hodes stating that they are moving ahead with the name changes for the cy pres petition.

Chairman's Report:

Amy Freedman the Director of Adult and Teen Services attended the monthly meeting to give us an overview of her responsibilities. She is a 20 year professional librarian with a Masters Degree from Simmons College. She has been in Hudson for the last 6 years. Aside from coordinating programs for Young Adults and Adults, she does an excellent job as Reading Advisory, which means all you have to do is talk to her and she will guide you into the right books for you. She works at the reference desk. The Summer Reading Program is not only for the kids to enjoy, Amy has many activities scheduled for the Adults and Teens as well. She runs the Book discussion club, and coordinates classes in paper techniques, duct tape crafts, hosts magicians, all with prizes and lots of fun. Amy is available to guide you through the library to share all its wonders with you. Her list of responsibilities and talents go on and on and with thanks from the Board for her visit, Connie Owen asked if she could look into the NH Humanities Council grants and offer a musical program, which Amy had already been looking into.

Connie Owen reported that the property at 47 Ferry Street had a "Sale Pending" sign on it. All that is needed is the abatement letter from the state and the sale will be able to go through.

Comparison of Library Services: Connie had asked for this information last month and Toni provided it. Please see attached, with corrections.

It was suggested that food or school supplies be accepted in lieu of fines during one month in the near future.

Donation:

Scott Slattery moved to accept donation for the month of May that 57 books, 2 dvd's, and 4 cd's, Linda Kipnes seconded. The motion was adopted with thanks to all who donated.

Friends of the Library:

Linda Kipnes reported that the Friends presented 2 - \$500 Leonard Smith Scholarships at the Lions Scholarship Night on Monday, June 14. Lynne Ober was the presenter and gave a nice speech. The winners are: Lauren Straight and Cameron Stoughton.

Also, if you have not already paid your Friends of the Library dues they are due by July 1st.

Hills Memorial Library Building:

A Memorandum of Understanding was received from the SAU#81/ Associate Superintendent, Mary Ellen Ormond to collaborate with and engage in a joint venture for the use of the Hills Memorial Library building. Chairman Owen will correspond with Ms. Ormond in the morning.

Unsung Heroes:

Trustee Scott Slattery apologized that the Unsung Hero Event did not happen as planned. He said he is ready to

move forward with vigor and the date of September 26, 2010 has been set. A tree will be planted and a plaque will be set to remember all those who helped make the Rodgers Library a reality. Also, a Journal will be kept inside the Library to list the many Unsung Heroes of the past as well as have room for reflection by or about these folks.

Appreciation Day

A quiet celebration took place at the Rodgers Memorial Library on Saturday, June 5, in recognition of one year of services being given to the town. Light refreshments were served and patrons were encouraged to sign a guest book marking the anniversary and entering their statements of gratitude for the new Library. Phil and Al Rodgers, the donors of the funds for the Library, and their family members were among the attendees..

Library Logo:

The Board set a date of June 30 to have all the votes in on which Logo would serve the Library into the future.

New Business:

The NHLTA Award Nominations criteria have been sent out. Scott Slattery motioned with Linda Knipnes seconding to have Connie Owen submit applications for three awards: Library of the Year; Special Library Services Award; Friends of the Library.

Safety Committee:

Connie is still waiting to hear from the State Trooper who spoke at last month's NHLTA conference. Toni has the list of the Safety Committee current members. Linda Kipnes will work with the committee so that our safety rules and security plans are clear to all.

Trustee Comments:

Linda Kipnes – She thanked Mary Ellen Ormond and the SAU for coming up with the Memorandum so quickly and she feels it will be a great partnership.

Robin Rodgers – Robin concurred with Linda and is very excited to have people in the building with a soft use as a starting point. She invited patrons to send us their historical articles on loan to display in the building.

Scott Slattery – He was glad to see so many things coming off the plate. Things are moving forward with the Hills Building and to put closure to Ferry Street house makes him very excited.

Connie Owen – Connie is delighted with the news about Ferry Street and is enthusiastic about the collaborations with the SAU. There is a sense of joy and the potential to continued use of the Hills Building's beauty. Also, she reminded patrons to sign the appreciation book at the Library in the coming weeks.

Toni Weller – Toni sent out a plea to the citizens of Hudson to donate or loan any Hudson Postcards for a Flickers projects that is in the works. As also don't forget about summer reading programs!

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 21, 2010. 7 p.m. In the Board of Selectman's Meeting Room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robin Rodgers, Secretary