

Gardiner Public Library
Board of Trustees meeting
April 7, 2008 at 7pm
MINUTES

Welcome

The following members were in attendance: John Shaw (Gardiner), Gay Grant (Gardiner), Jill Todd (Randolph), Joan Thomas (Litchfield), Tom Abbott (West Gardiner), Pat Struble (Secretary), and Helen Stevens (Chair-Gardiner). Anne Davis, Director was also in attendance.

USA PATRIOT ACT

Anne Davis reported to the Board that she has had no requests for library records since the last meeting.

Approval of minutes from 12-3-07

The Board unanimously approved the minutes from 12/3/07 with no changes.

Discussion of FY08 Budget

This is the budget for the current year. The Gardiner Library Association will reimburse the supply line as the Community Archives Room received a J.W. Robinson Welfare Trust grant to purchase materials for the room. Anne explained that the phone budget is "campus" wide and we cannot control the costs. The city will look at these fees at a later date.

The Board also discussed the future costs of electricity and oil because of the newly installed HVAC system. Anne does know that the maintenance will cost more.

Discussion of Farmingdale Town Meeting

The Town of Farmingdale voted to discontinue their association with the Gardiner Public Library. The Board decided to continue the relationship with the Farmingdale Historical Society for one more year. A motion to this effect was made by Joan Thomas and seconded by Tom Abbott. The Board unanimously approved allowing the FHS collection to stay until the next town meeting in FY09.

FY09 Budget workshop

There is a 6.4% increase in the FY09 budget. The only variable in the budget is payroll and that is all that can be cut. The worst case scenario is that we would have to cut back on library hours.

Vote on FY09 draft budget

Gay Grant moved and John Shaw accepted the departmental request for the FY09 budget. The Board unanimously approved the draft budget.

Staff news

Scott and Charlene attended the Public Library Association Conference in Minnesota. They came back very enthusiastic about some changes to the way we offer services.

Staff raises

The city approved a 3% raise for all library staff. This is a retroactive increase to July 1, 2007.

Gardiner Library Association news

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2008 and will be held in the newly restored Children's Room. All reports will be written, the event will be catered and should be a great time for celebration.

Children's Room update

The Children's Room may be opened by mid-April.

Trustee news

Tom Abbott announced that he has received certification as a Red Cross Disaster Organizer.

Old business/new business

There was not old or new business brought to the Board.

Adjourn/next meeting

This meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm and the next meeting is scheduled for 6/9/08 at 7pm in the library.

Minutes,
Pat Struble, Secretary

Transcribed,
Anne Davis, Director