

Dedham Public Library
Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees
Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at the Main @ 7:30

Attendees: Robert Desmond, Joseph D'Amico, Edward Fitzhenry, Jonathan J. Reinhart, Rebecca Peluso, Patricia Lambert, Mike Chalifoux, Margo Wereta, Gloria Reinhart, Hana Heald, Patricia Cronin, Amber Socci, Richard Lambert, and Steven Peluso.

Reorganization: Vice Chair Jonathan J. Reinhart opened the meeting and welcomed Rebecca Peluso to the Board. He then called for nominations for offices. Mr. D'Amico nominated Mr. Reinhart as Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fitzhenry and passed. Mr. Desmond nominated Mr. D'Amico as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fitzhenry and passed. Mr. Desmond nominated Mr. Fitzhenry as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. D'Amico and passed.

Public input: Staff member Pat Cronin thanked former trustee Joe Craven for his service. Mike Chalifoux read a letter he sent to the Town Clerk and handed a copy to the Chair who accepted it without comment. Amber Socci wanted to ask some questions about the Director's evaluation and was told she would be allowed to when that item came up later on the agenda.

Minutes: Mr. D'Amico moved to accept the minutes of the March meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Desmond and passed.

Financial report: Mr. D'Amico asked the Director about the professional development line item. Mrs. Lambert responded that she and Amber Socci would be attending the Mass. Library Association meeting in May. Mr. Desmond moved to accept the financial report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fitzhenry and passed.

Director's report: Patricia Lambert welcomed new trustee Rebecca Peluso and told her she had some materials for her. Mrs. Lambert congratulated the staff on doing a great job on displays. Paperwork has been submitted to have the fence around the dumpster which was damaged by a snow plow replaced. Mrs. Lambert said she attended the library lobby day at the State House and that there was a great turnout. She noted that Amber Socci was continuing to scan the Dedham Collection and that she and Isabella will begin the cataloging and taxonomy aspect within the next few weeks. Mrs. Lambert said that the Town is going to a new IT program which should be good.

Old Business: Mr. D'Amico said that he hadn't heard any comment from the public on the reduction of hours at Endicott. Mr. Fitzhenry and Mr. Reinhart had the same experience. Mr. Desmond said some patrons did not know of the change in hours. Mr. Reinhart then took up the issue of the Director's evaluation. He gave an overview of the process and announced the results. Mrs. Lambert said she was dissatisfied with it and asked the Chair why he rated her low in being involved in the community. Mr. Reinhart responded that that was what he heard from the public. As an example, he said she was not at the James Joyce Ramble which he categorized as a community event. Mrs. Lambert told the Chair he should tell her which events he thought she should attend. Pat Cronin and Hana Heald both spoke in support of the Director. Amber Socci asked some questions and commented that she thought the Director performed well in some categories in which she was not highly rated. On the matter of the dead tree at Endicott, Mrs. Lambert said Mr. Keegan will decide what to do with the tree when he returns from vacation. She also said that Pat Reilly would like to attend the ALA Convention in July and that the Trustees will need to decide on funding at their next meeting.

New Business: Mr. Desmond asked that Robin Reyes be invited to our next Trustees meeting to give an update on the library's trust funds. Mrs. Lambert announced that the library purchased a license to use a self check-out system in the future. The Trustees set their next meeting for Tuesday, May 19 at the Main. Mr. Desmond moved to adjourn. It was seconded by Mr. Fitzhenry and passed.

Respectfully submitted by Joseph D'Amico, Secretary