

WALTHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Waltham, Massachusetts

Trustees' Meeting
Monday, May 18, 2009
AMENDED

The May, 2009 Trustees' meeting of the Waltham Public Library was called to order by Rev. Mawhinney at 6:12 P.M in the Trustees' Room of the Library.

Present: Rev. Mawhinney, Ms. Joan Garniss, Mr. Alan Humbert, Mr. Steven Mann, Ms. Marie McKenzie, Ms. Maureen Taddeo; Ms. Kate Tranquada, Ms. Deborah Fasulo.

Minutes: The Minutes of the April, 2009 Trustees' Meeting were presented. Ms. Taddeo made a motion to APPROVE the MINUTES. Mr. Humbert SECONDED the MOTION and the TRUSTEES VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to APPROVE.

Financial Report: The Financial Report was presented and discussed. Mr. Humbert MOVED to PLACE the FINANCIAL REPORT on FILE. Mr. Mann SECONDED and the TRUSTEES VOTED UNANIMOUS APPROVAL of the MOTION.

FY2010 Budget: Ms. Tranquada presented the budget for Fiscal Year 2010 as proposed by Mayor McCarthy. The Trustees reviewed the projected cuts and the possible effect on services. The Mayor has recommended an additional \$75,000 in cuts to the personnel budget, with the details subject to collective bargaining. After considerable discussion the Trustees recommended the following possible budget savings be brought to the bargaining table:

1. Suggest that union members as well as non-union members forego a Cost of Living increase (\$48,290).
2. Cut one hour of service on Sundays all year (\$12,800).
3. Reduce staffing on Saturdays (\$5,000).
4. Close all holiday Sundays (\$3,380).

Ms. Garniss MOVED APPROVAL of the agreed cuts, Mr. Mann SECONDED and the TRUSTEES VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to APPROVE. Ms. Tranquada will present the suggestions to the Mayor and City Auditor.

Library Operations: Ms. Tranquada updated the Trustees on the status of several grants and programs. Among these is the "Mother Goose on the Loose" program for preschoolers and parents, including an element in Spanish. A preservation specialist will be

coming to meet with Ms. Tranquada and the Archivist to evaluate the collection and storage conditions and suggest what needs to be preserved and how it might be done.

The Friends' membership drive over two weekends in April netted 100 new members, a few of whom have volunteered to help the Friends in various areas.

In addition, the Friends have agreed to pay for reupholstering the chairs and refinishing the table in the Trustees' Room. They will also purchase several digital picture frames to be used to advertise library programs and services throughout the building. They are planning a Halloween fundraiser based on an evening with Edgar Allen Poe. In addition, Ms. Tranquada is meeting with a woodworker regarding additional display stands for the Fiction Room.

Ms. Tranquada received a letter from Comcast regarding a suit with Monster.com and Yahoo.com regarding use of a library computer.

Mr. Humbert MOVED, Mr. Mann SECONDED and the TRUSTEES VOTED to recess the regular monthly meeting at 7:55 in order to finish the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting: Ms. Garniss MOVED and Mr. Humbert SECONDED a MOTION to elect Ms. Marie McKenzie as Clerk of the Trustees. Mr. Humbert MOVED and Ms. Taddeo SECONDED a MOTION to elect Mr. Steven Mann as the Trustee Representative to the Friends Investment Committee. The TRUSTEES VOTED UNANIMOUS APPROVAL of both motions. Mr. Humbert MOVED, Mr. Mann SECONDED and the TRUSTEES VOTED UNANIMOUS APPROVAL to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 8:00.

New Business: There was none.

Announcements: Ms. Tranquada reminded the Trustees of the announcements in the Agenda. She also asked the Trustees to contact State Senators to support the maintenance of the current state Library Standards, under possible attack in the Senate. She will keep the Trustees informed of other potential legislation affecting libraries, including possible cuts in funding.

Adjournment: Ms. Garniss MOVED, Mr. Humbert SECONDED and the Trustees APPROVED a MOTION to ADJOURN the May meeting at 8:10 PM.

Submitted by Joan B. Garniss, Secretary/Clerk pro tem.