

WEST HURLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Meeting of the BOARD of TRUSTEES

DATE: Wednesday, January 18, 2012

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:02 pm by Phil Meagher

ATTENDANCE: Board Members: Bill Bizovi, Abby Gross, Bob Hoffman, Maayana Howard, Dan Smith and Dan Strickland; Library Director: Kara Lustiber and Recording Secretary: Ann Bergin.

Absent: Phil Meagher, Rebecca Federspeil, Ann Bergin

MINUTES of the November 16th 2011 BOARD of TRUSTEES Meeting:

- Dan Smith made a motion to approve the November 2011 minutes , 2nd. Approved

TREASURER / FINANCE REPORT: (attached)

- Warrant List signed by all board members present.
- Abby Gross made a motion to approve the Finance report, 2nd. Approved.
- Dan Strickland made a motion to put a \$2000 Gates grant into a subaccount of the checking account. This motion replaces a motion passed at an earlier meeting to add the monies into the AdTech Fund. 2nd. Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BY-LAWS:

Abby Gross made a motion to add the following to the Unattended Child Policy:

“Children ages 8-17 who behave in accordance with the patron conduct policy may remain in the library without the accompaniment of an adult. Parents/guardians will still be responsible for their behavior and will be contacted if behavior is inappropriate.

Abby Gross made a motion to strike the following from the Meeting Room Policy:

“Adults without children may use the Children’s/Meeting Room after 5:00 p.m. at the discretion of the library staff.

The By-Laws committee will suggest a for-profit tutor policy.

The board discussed how motions are presented/approved. They decided to make it a best practice to present a policy at one meeting and approve it at the next.

LONG RANGE PLANNING :

Dan Strickland made a motion to add the following goal to the long range plan: "The West Hurley Library will have a computer environment for early childhood learning". 2nd.

Approved

The committee will review and make a recommendation regarding the ability for-profit tutors to reserve the meeting room.

FRIENDS:

Averaged numbers for book sales are:

- 2011: \$2200
- 2010: \$2000
- 2009: \$1800

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The reduction in medical costs has resulted in a cost savings. The Finance Committee will make recommendations at the next meeting about whether to redistribute this money.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:

The mobile website has been updated. Please take and look and let Kara know if you have any recommendations.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: (attached.)

- Correspondance: The library received a request from the "Frack Free Catskill/Catskill MountainKeeper" Organization to reserve the meeting room. Dan Smith made a motion to deny the request, because library policy states that the room is not to be used for political activities. 2nd. Approved.
- According to the 2010 census with calculations made by the Department of Library Development, our population is 3352.

OLD BUSINESS: N/R

NEW BUSINESS:

Dan Strickland made the following resolution:

Whereas, the adoption of the 2013 budget for the West Hurley Public Library may require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and

Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the West Hurley Public Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2013 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on January 18, 2012.

2nd. Approved unanimously.

Dan Strickland made a motion to approve the Daily Freeman and the newspaper of record. 2nd. Approved.

Bob Hoffman made a motion to approve the following as banks of record: Bank of America, MetLife, Berkshire Bank, Citizen's Bank, and Community Bank. 2nd. Approved.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next WHPL Board meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2012. 7:00 pm at WHPL.

ADJOURNMENT: Dan Strickland made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Lustiber

Recording Secretary