

**TRUMBULL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES**

May 9, 2012

Trumbull Library

Members Present: Chairwoman Tara Liskov, Arthur A. Kukla, James Cebulski, Joan Hammill, Antonio Petitti, Laura Ponzio, Carol Porrata Elstein, Jeannine C. Stauder

Members Absent: Mary Whatley

Also Present: Louis Sheehy, Assistant Library Director, Joanne Orenstein, Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairwoman Liskov.

Public Session: No members of the public were present.

Correspondence: None

Minutes: Ms. Porrata Elstein made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Ms. Stauder seconded the motion. **VOTE:** The motion passed with all in favor.

Director's Report: Mr. Sheehy reported they had ordered a few desk units for the newly electrified area along the north wall of the Library, to see how they work out. The public has been thrilled by the electrical work – there are 18 outlets available for laptops or other devices. The pink walls in the Children's Room were repainted. Ms. Horton is working on installing the strips for hanging paintings in the Community Room. She has been meeting with Town Hall to go over staffing. The meetings for next year's One Book/One Town have begun. Mr. Kukla suggested revisiting the idea of having One Book/One Town every year. This year, it was necessary to take \$2300 from the Mallett Fund to cover a short fall in the budget. Mr. Kukla said there should be a budget for One Book/One Town. Discussion ensued. The Board favored keeping it a yearly event, but also favored establishing a budget. This year, 1200 people participated in the program. Ms. Stauder stated it keeps the Library in a good light in the public eye, and it is for everyone. The biggest costs are the purchase of books and marketing: this year that was 50% of the overall expense. Next year's theme may be baseball.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Petitti reported the movement of funds was not surprising. Income and disbursements were all accounted for. Memorial and fundraising funds were a little higher.

Fairchild-Nichols Branch: Mr. Cebulski reported they put together a Committee for nominations. They discussed capital projects – the railing outside, internal tiles to be replaced.

Old Business:

Friends of the Library: The Pod has been removed. The disbursement of funds collected by the Friends was discussed, as well as other possible fundraising opportunities. It was decided that Ms. Liskov would write a letter (representing the Board) requesting \$3000 to cover the overrun of One Book/One Town expenses and start up for next year's program. Ms. Liskov will mail the letter to Ms. Hall and Ms. Heilbrunn.

New Business: Ms. Stauder asked Town Hall for signs for the crosswalks. It was explained that signs placed in the middle of the road have gotten run over in the past. Mr. Cebulski said the parking lot work will be done in June or July.

Ms. Liskov requested a motion to make a donation to the Assumption Church in Mr. Sheehy's mother's memory. Ms. Stauder made a motion that the Board allocates \$250 to the Assumption Church of Ansonia in the name of Mary Sheehy. Ms. Hammill seconded. **VOTE:** All in favor. Ms. Ponzio suggested also donating a book to the Library in her name.

Adjournment: Mr. Kukla made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Petitti seconded. **VOTE:** All in favor at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Joanne Glasser Orenstein
Clerk

Approved; pending final approval by the full Board of Trustees,

Tara Liskov, Chairman
Trumbull Library Board of Trustees

The next meeting of the Trumbull Library Board of Trustees will be Wednesday, June 13th at 7pm.