

**TRUMBULL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES**

March 9, 2011

Trumbull Library

Members Present: Tara Liskov, Chair, James Cebulski, Vice Chair, Joan B. Hammill, John J. Lauria, Anthony Petitti, Carol Porrata-Elstein, Mary Whatley

Members Absent: Arthur A. Kukla, Jeannine C. Stauder

Also Present: Susan J. Horton, Library Director, Joanne Orenstein, Clerk; Michael Liskov and Roger Manandhar, Members of the Public

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Chairwoman Liskov.

Public Session: Michael Liskov and Roger Manandhar are Boy Scouts working on their Communications Merit Badge. They need to take notes at a Board Meeting to understand how meetings operate.

Correspondence: None

Minutes: Mr. Lauria made a motion to approve the minutes of February 9th. Mr. Cebulski seconded the motion. **VOTE:** 5 in favor, 2 abstentions.

Ms. Porrata-Elstein took Mr. Schlig's place on the Board following his resignation. The Board decided to send Mr. Schlig a \$20 gift certificate from Starbucks and a thank you note for his three years of service.

Director's Report: Ms. Horton reported the One Book/One Town program had its first program: 22 people attended a book discussion. Ms. Porrata Elstein thought it was very nicely set up, with a nice brunch. The conversation was lively. The book is an excellent choice. The panel discussion "Who owns your body?" is in lieu of an author visit as the author's cost far exceeded the project's budget. Newtown Savings Bank is sponsoring the program. The Trumbull High Debate Team have agreed to participate in the program, and in payment for their presentation, they requested logo shirts for the club. Sue agreed. The Trumbull Rotary Club, for their contribution to the One Book One Town program this year, will donate the shirts. On the evening of the Debate a color Nook will be raffled off – anyone who attends a program will have an opportunity to enter for the drawing.

The downloadable audio books service will go live on Monday, March 14.

The new custodian has been progressing nicely.

The Budget was presented to the Finance Board by Ms. Horton and Mr. Sheehy. Mr. Lauria watched the presentation on Channel 17 and thought that Ms. Horton did a wonderful job. She said they talked about e-Books and the upgrade for the Teen Librarian. The Board of Finance vote is March 14th.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Petitti reported he met with Mr. Sheehy that day. \$494.15 interest from the Stern Fund was withdrawn at the time of the CD renewal and deposited in the checking account for the purchase of books. Two laser printers and e-book devices were purchased through Board funds. Equipment maintenance is currently running at 103% of the yearly budget expenditure. The gap will probably be closed by transfers within the budget.

There is already a little bit (\$50) in the newly formed Technology fund.

Fairchild-Nichols Branch: Ms. Whatley stated the main discussion was about e-readers, which they were able to examine and test. The sidewalk was repaired.

Old Business

Parking Lot: Mr. Cebulski reported a big meeting of all the involved parties was held with the Public Works Director, Assistant Public Works Director, Dale Parsons, Mary Ellen Lemay, and Don Watson (members of the Conservation Board) in attendance. The Conservation Board feels they can get some money from the State and apply it to the parking lot (the amounts quoted were between \$3,000 and \$35,000), but it would be awarded NEXT year. It was decided to go forward with the project rather than wait for the money. The trees are being re-marked and new staking will include fill information. Mr. Cebulski passed around pictures with the new parking lot superimposed on the existing structures and another with trees. The group discussed which trees could be saved. As soon as the Town is done with leaves and other projects they will move forward on the parking lot. Fundraising efforts will coincide with One Book/One Town events. The Conservation Commission will be putting up a poster-size picture of the new parking lot. Mr. Cebulski said it would be good if the Library had its own trust for projects such as this. Ms. Liskov noted that almost \$5,000 has been donated for the parking lot. The Fire Marshall had concerns which were addressed and satisfied.

Miklus Golf Event: The date was changed to June 26th.

400th Anniversary of the St. James Bible and Jehovah's Witness Talent Show: Long Hill Baptist Church still wants to do a presentation at the Library for the Bible's anniversary. The case is now available for August. The Jehovah's Witnesses said they would meet all the Library Board's requests for the Talent Show. They want the show in a secular environment and that's why it's not in their church. Ms. Whatley suggested a motion that all events and exhibits at the Library be strictly secular. Ms. Porrata Elstein thought the motion should be brought before the Policy Committee. It was noted the Library hosts the National Day of Prayer every year. Much discussion ensued. Mr. Cebulski made a motion to allow the Jehovah's Witnesses to hold a Talent show in the Community Room. Mr. Petitti seconded the motion. **VOTE:** 0- 7, none in favor, the motion was rejected unanimously.

New Business: Ms. Hammill reported that she and Collection Development Librarian, Donna Soucy, went to Middlebrook Farms and it was so well received that she has offered to do more.

Adjournment: Mr. Lauria made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Petitti seconded.

VOTE: All in favor at 8:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Glasser Orenstein
Clerk

Approved:

Tara Liskov, Chairman
Trumbull Library Board of Trustees

The next meeting of the Trumbull Library Board of Trustees will be Wednesday, April 12th^{at} 7pm.