

MILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
TRUSTEE MINUTES
JANUARY 3, 2012

Present

Shelly Hitchcox; Jennifer Dooley; Veronica Valz; Heidi Cava; Gail Wixson; Mary Jane Stinson; Kathy Dulac; Jeanette Cavanaugh; Tracey Hempstead; Emily Williams

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:29 PM.

New board member

Jen introduced Veronica Valz as the new interim trustee. She will serve until the next election in March, 2012.

Friends of the Library report

Shelly announced that the Milton Selectboard had accepted the donation of the new bookmobile. Shelly will call the salesman to finalize the deal. She needs the VIN number for insurance. Heidi will get that number to her. Kathy will contact Don Turner about new carpeting for the vehicle. Shelves will need to be installed. Could this possibly be a high school shop class project? Milton Independent will work with the library and the Friends about publicity.

Leaves for the Giving Tree project have arrived and need to be painted. The leaves are 2" and 3 ¾". A local artist will paint the leaves and help create the tree for display.

Mary Jane Stinson spoke about literacy in the school(s). The next step? Possible grant funding. Combined resources? She asked about how we can get library materials into students' hands quicker. How do we get families involved and into the library? Could funds from the school be used toward the bookmobile operations expenses? Volunteers? The need to rotate the inventory in the bookmobile was discussed. How do we get materials to students during vacations? Kathy will meet with Mary Jane and her committee to see about getting this going. Mary Jane will talk with the school librarians.

Volunteers were discussed. How does one become a volunteer at the library? Someone just needs to come in and fill out a form. Security clearances will be done. Would PTA parents be a possibility? Kathy will post on the library website(s) when volunteers are needed.

The basket raffle raised +/- \$1600. Emily stated last year she raised \$6300 through her online book sales and the book sale at her home. She really needs more help.

Minutes from December meeting

Gail made a motion to accept the minutes as written from the December, 2011 meeting. Jeanette seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passed.

Director's report

Heidi stated the VT Public Library report is ready to submit. She has completed the library annual report to submit to the Town of Milton. The budget review with the Selectboard is scheduled for January 10, 2012.

Heidi is still researching technology plans. The standard is 1-3 years. Computer maintenance and repair is ongoing. Some computers are not holding their settings. KOHA issues are being addressed. Clarification is needed on changing lost and damaged items and running overdue reports. The staff is now printing spine labels.

The logo contest is complete and the winner announced. The winner was awarded a gift certificate.

Heidi has registered the library with the VT Library Substitute Pool in case we run short of staff.

Heidi will be attending a SQL programming class, department head meetings and Rotary.

The library received \$300 in donations in December.

Treasurer's report

Jeanette gave her report. Material replacements were made in November and December.

Old business

Gail made a motion to accept the MPL Trustee bylaws as written. Jeanette seconded. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passed.

New business

There will be 2 new trustee openings in March. Jeanette will be resigning and the interim position will need to be filled. These are 1 and 5 year terms. It was suggested that Michael Roche from the VT Dept of Libraries might be able to give us a handout for prospective trustees. Petitions are due to the town by January 30, 2012.

Executive session

The trustees went into executive session from 8:00-9:30 PM to discuss personnel.

Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment

Gail made a motion to adjourn at 9:35 PM. Jeanette seconded. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passed.

