

# The Holmes Public Library

470 Plymouth Street

Halifax, MA 02338

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

## Minutes

The Board of Trustees held a public meeting at the Holmes Public Library on Tuesday, November 10, 2009. Attending were Chair Lisa Arcuri, Trustees Kathleen Carbonara, Kim Cicone, Carol Julien, Library Director Debra DeJonker-Berry and Adult Services Librarian Jean Gallant.

1. Minutes for the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved (4-0-0); the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were approved (3-0-1) with Kathleen Carbonara abstaining; and the July 14<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved (4-0-0).
2. The Building update: Rosemary Waltos, MBLC visit on November 19<sup>th</sup>. She will provide us with guidance as to what she sees as our Library's needs. Also, the heat is now working.
3. The Directors report has been reviewed and is attached.
  - The Action plan: Adopted with a vote of 4-0.
  - Susan's new book club had it's 1<sup>st</sup> meeting today and 11 people came. It was a great kick-off
  - Jean's book club will have an author's visit on 11/17. She's local and writes for the Boston Globe. All the members of the book club are excited to meet her.
  - There will be an initial meeting of Safe Routes on 12/7 at 9:30am. The Police Chief, Fire Chief, Elementary School Principal and a Selectman will be in attendance. Lisa Arcuri will host and snacks will be provided.
  - The Library continues the floor plan reconfiguration. The Staff would like to remove a stack section in the Tech Services area to make more room for the staff workspace. These stacks contain back issues of magazines which aren't used anymore.
  - There will be a joint Friends/Trustee meeting on 12/2 at 6:30pm. The topics for discussion will be a staff appreciation day and a fundraiser for the "Gallerie Petite." This will be the only Trustee meeting in December.
  - There is a new program that the staff is using on SAILS that helps with acquisitions.
  - Holiday's in Halifax is on 12/12. The Beals will be in attendance to give a concert. More information will be available after a meeting on Thursday.
  - The State Budget looks bad for library funding. SEMLS will probably consolidate with other regions. The Town budget is in reasonably good shape, but there may be some reductions; the Finance committee has a good handle on the situation. The State cuts will impact the library substantially in terms of support for network (SAILS) fees and computer maintenance funds.
4. Old Business:

- Trustee Vacancy: The Selectmen would like us to vote on our new member to be appointed temporarily until the May election. Once appointed we will have a joint meeting with the Selectmen. The Board voted to appoint Diane Wilmarth to the board (3-1-0)
- Do not forget to take the State Ethics Test. The website is: [http://db.state.ma.us/ethis/quiz\\_MEthics/index.asp](http://db.state.ma.us/ethis/quiz_MEthics/index.asp) The test must be completed by 12/31/09.
- The Memorial tree is in and the plaque has been placed. The Whitakers might be interested in the bike safety program.

5. New Business:

- The Halifax VFW wants the Library to judge a 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade essay contest on “How one should Honor our Veterans.” There is prize money involved and it is a Regional contest.
- The Lions Club is sponsoring a “Peace Poster” contest. The school is collecting the posters from 11 and 12-year-olds. They will be displayed in the gallery and the winner will move on to the next level of the competition.

The next Trustees’ meeting will be at 6:30 PM on day, January 12, 2010 at the Holmes Public Library.