

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 day, October 13, 2009. Attending were Chair Lisa Arcuri, Trustees Kathleen Carbonara, Kim Cicone, Carol Julien, Library Director Debra DeJonker-Berry, Adult Services Librarian Jean Gallant and guests John Campbell, Chair of the Municipal and School Building Committee, Gerry Elliott, Building Maintenance Supervisor and Derek Bennett, member of the public.

1. Building Roof update: The roof bids were given to architects and were over designed and over priced. They have been rebid to roofers and have come in under the allotted money from May's Town Meeting. Since the roof is structurally sound, the repairs will not take place until the spring to avoid working in inclement weather. The Maintenance department will keep an eye on the roof over the winter to make sure there aren't any problems. There was some discussion on possibly applying for a "Green Grant" from the Department of Energy. This might enable the heating/cooling system to be replaced as well. Debra and Mr. Bennett will work together and look into the possibility.
2. The Directors report has been reviewed *and is attached*
3. Old Business:
 - The issue of the defibulator is in the hands of the health inspector and fire chief.
 - Check the Trustee page on the website before meetings as all pertinent will be listed there.
 - There are two people interested in the vacancy on the Trustee board. The Selectmen will decide if we can appoint someone of if we need to wait until the May election.
4. New Business:
 - We are going to try and have a joint meeting with the Friends in December.
 - The Lion's Club has given the Library a subscription of the Readers Digest Large Print as a gift.
 - The state has changed the Ethics, Minutes and Open meeting structure. Included is an ethics test that must be taken online by 12/31/09. The trustees must also take this test. The website is: http://db.state.ma.us/ethis/quiz_MEthics/index.asp
 - Look for an email from Deb with a few questions on our backgrounds for the Trustee page on the Library website.
 - November 4, 2009 at the state house there will be a rally for Libraries. We need community members to attend.
 - November 19, 2009 Rosemary Walters will visit our Library at 9am. She is a Public Library consultant for construction on small libraries. She will give us a good idea of what might be possible for expansion and what grants may be available.

The next Trustees' meeting will be at 6:30 PM on day, November 10, 2009 at the Holmes Public Library.