

DRAFT MINUTES/APPROVED

North Haven Memorial Library Board Meeting
Thursday, September 16, 2010

Minutes

Attendance: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kaercher at 7:30pm.

Present: Lois Baldini, Ruth Bryant, Kimberly Carew, Patricia Dortenzio, Michael Fletcher, Raymond Fowler, Phyllis Kaercher, Erin MacDonnell, Jeanne Saldanha. (Mary Ann Santora-Secretary)

Absent: Sarah Aziz, John Graef.

1. Phyllis Kaercher requested that the the minutes of the May 20th meeting be accepted. Ray Fowler moved the minutes be accepted, seconded by Ruth Bryant.
2. Phyllis Kaercher asked that the financial statement be accepted; Ruth Bryant questioned how much money was in the original book budget. Pat Dortenzio stated it was 65, 259.00. The current book budget is 46, 300.00. Our book budget was cut by approximately 19,000.00. Motion by Michael Fletcher, seconded by Ruth Bryant.
3. Old Business: Phyllis Kaercher said that the Education Foundation was able to use the display cases for the months of June and July.
4. New Business:

Director's Report:

- * It was a very successful summer reading club. 750 children were involved. This summer, for the first time ever, we had a teen reading club. There were 134 teens enrolled in the program. There were the usual prizes from the Friends of the Library as well as many gift cards from businesses in and out of town. All of the programs were full. We are moving into the Fall programs for adults and children. The yoga class is completely full. There will be cooking programs scheduled: a pie making program and a cookie making program. There is also the book discussion with Pat Johnson. The children's programs for Fall are all set and full as well.
- * ILL Policy: At the last meeting there was a discussion regarding the ILL Policy. Ray Fowler suggested limiting the holds to 10 active requests. This seems to have worked and we are not having any problems.
- * The Garden: We had an Eagle Scout, Alan Worrest, take on the planting and tilling of the garden outside the Community Room, as his eagle scout project. He really did a great job working on it. The North Haven Garden Club purchased 50 plants for the project. The front of the building near the statue has been cared for by the Daytime Garden Club. There will an additional sculpture added in memory of Suzanne Bonito. This will be completed in the Fall.
- * Roof repairs: The snow guards were installed over the summer. The roof repairs will take place early in the morning before the library opens. It should take approximately two weeks to complete.

- * The Ida Cacese estate is now closed. We received the final check of 250.00. We previously received a check in the amount of 4000.00. There is no restriction on the money. It will be spent with the guidelines of the endowment but we are free to spend it as we choose. It will probably be spent on travel books, literature and art.
 - * LEAP: The LEAP Library Consortium is our online catalog. The consortium consists of 4 towns: East Haven, West Haven, North Branford and North Haven. East Haven has informed us that it is dropping out. East Haven had to give one year's notice as it takes a long time to plan for another system. They are going to the Lion Consortium which is a bigger consortium. They feel it is more cost effective. LEAP will no longer be able to exist as it currently does. Lois is currently the chairperson for LEAP and is exploring other options. They are to try and stay together as three towns, however this will be too expensive; to go to another consortium (Lion has already presented and we are currently getting figures for Lion); or to stand alone. Bibliomation is another consortium but it is too expensive. Bethany was interested in possibly joining LEAP, however, they are too small and currently have a stand alone system. Hamden is also interested but not yet ready – they are looking at maybe a year from now. The costs for this will need to be determined for the next fiscal budget. LEAP is shared in equal payments from all four towns. In order to determine the fees for the Lion Consortium it is done by the number of ports. North Haven is the largest. The fortunate thing with Lion is that they use the same vendor as we do and we wouldn't have to migrate. We've already paid those fees. We also would not need technical support as we have our own IT Department, nor would we need computers. These are two big pluses for us. By the next meeting a decision on this will be made.
 - * Dotty Card, one of our adult pages and a twenty year staff member passed away unexpectedly on June 6th. We were saddened by her loss.
 - * The Friends of the Library book store is doing great. We have a ton of donations every month. The Friends met last night and have so many children's books that they are thinking of having a sale of just children's books. We now have Tri-Presidents of the Friends. They are Gina Falcigno, Kim Carew and Claudia Giuletti. Claudia is working on the adult programming.
 - * Friendly's Restaurant has contacted the library and is offering to sponsor a possible fundraiser. A night would be chosen and the proceeds from that evening would go to the library. It is a very lucrative event.
 - * Phyllis K. shared that the Friends lost a member also. Joe Sergeant passed away. Joe and his wife Barbara were instrumental in keeping the Friends going. Joe was an advocate for large print books and the Friends will purchase some in his memory.
 - * Museum passes: Erin MacDonnell said she read where the Hamden Library added four new museum passes: the Museum of National History in New York, the Basketball Hall of Fame and two others. Lois stated we would need to find out the cost as the Friends purchase the passes. Phyllis K. said she would check with Patti LaTerza and investigate the costs.
5. The next scheduled meeting will be held on November 18, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. Erin MacDonnell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:50pm. Seconded by Kim Carew.