

CLIFTON PARK-HALFMOON PUBLIC LIBRARY
Board of Trustees Meeting

SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

PRESENT: Bueno, Coniglio, Curto, Elman, Fennelly, Golden, Hirs, Robbins, Rodger, and Thurston. Also present were Jo Piracci, Kathy Adam, Joe Gaug-Attorney, and Bernie Grossman for The Friends.

ABSENT: Otto

Meeting was called to order by President Golden at 7:15p.m.

AGENDA: No Changes in the Agenda. By common consent of those present, the Agenda was accepted as sent.

PUBLIC COMMENT-None

BOARD COMMENT- None

MINUTES:

A **Motion** was made by Elman, seconded by Rodger , to accept the August 20th minutes as sent. **Motion** passed unanimously.

TREASURER:

Treasurer Bueno noted: Under Receipts-Library Services Aid (LLSA) was received but came in slightly below the budgeted amount. All bond payments for ;the new building have been made.

On Disbursements: We are now using the Building Contingency Appropriations for Utilities (as planned) since the budgeted amount has been exceeded. We did save \$12,400 from a letter of credit for sewer upgrade which was not required to be spent.

The **Motion** was made by Robbins, seconded by Elman, to accept the August report for audit. **Motion** passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE FRIENDS

Bernie Grossman made the following the report for The Friends:

1. The Friends are now accepting books for the October Book Sale which will be held October 19-21st.
2. A bus trip to New York City is planned for the first weekend in December.
3. He reminded everyone of the local author event to be held on September 20th at 7 p.m. The author honored will be Joe Persico.
4. A celebration of the 10th anniversary of The Friends is being planned for December 2nd.

5. Board members were reminded that the next meeting of The Friends will be on September 26th. Several will be in attendance.

A **Motion** was then made by Rodger, seconded by Elman, to temporarily leave the regular meeting session and enter into Executive Session. **Motion** passed unanimously and Executive Session was entered at 7:33p.m. At 8:03p.m., Rodger made the **Motion**, seconded by Curto, to leave the Executive Session and reenter the regular meeting session. **Motion** passed unanimously. The regular meeting then resumed with the Director's Report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Piracci gave the following Technology update: The Cybrary N program for controlling computer use, seems to be working fine.

Kathy Adam gave the following Public Service report:

1. Next week Kathy will attend the Empire State Friends meeting in Vestal.
2. A Friends newsletter will be distributed to all members soon.
3. Requests keep coming in, from schools and other groups, to visit our Library. Some of these groups are too large to handle at one time and have to be broken up into smaller touring groups.
4. The voter turnout was disappointing. A discussion ensued as to how to draw in the voters next year. No conclusion was reached, but the Board and The Friends will keep working on this issue for next year.

Piracci then highlighted the following from her report:

1. The YMCA is opening the former Library building, which has been renovated. It will now be a Kidz Lodge for daycare and family activities. Piracci has been asked to speak at the grand opening.
2. The neighbors who purchased the Tower/Spaulding property on the north side of the Library, have expressed a desire to possibly place another building on their property for their parents. They are negotiating with the Town for approval.
3. The clean-up company for the Tourtellot property (1-800-CHUCKIT) did an excellent job of cleaning the home for future sale. Bidding for the property is now in progress with the closing date for receiving these bids being September 25th.
4. An article from the Seattle Post Intelligencer (on their Library) was distributed for all to read.
5. Board members were reminded that December 11th marks one year at the new Library. Do we want any special commemoration? No decision was given.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE:

Discussion was held on the water feature. The expense of running this feature will cost approximately \$120/year, a small expense. The question was asked as to how late should it be left in operation. Opening probably will be May 1st with it being operational until Nov.1st unless the weather makes it too risky. If this is the case, then September 30th or Columbus Day would be appropriate for closing. No definite decision was made, but after observing this year, we will be better able to set definite planned dates of operation.

OLD BUSINESS:

The 'Coffee Hut' idea was again presented. Problems with the operation of such a venture were discussed, and the concept will be shelved until further notice.

A letter from Beth Shalom temple was received, thanking the Library for all their efforts in obtaining favorable voting regulations with regards to religious holiday observances.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was decided to invite Joe Conroy to come to our November meeting to present his ideas on promotion of the Library to the community. This may help in getting a larger voter turnout at the next election. Also, by November, the Board goals for next year need to be presented as well as the formation of a nominating committee.

A **Motion** was made by Elman, seconded by Bueno, to adjourn the regular meeting. **Motion** passed unanimously and meeting adjourned at 9:06p.m.