

WHEELER MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
April 17, 2008

Call to Order: 5:02 pm

Present: Richard Senier, Rice Flanders, Kathy Reinig, Jean Thompson,
Michaele Wright

Minutes of March 10 meeting were read with corrections. Moved to amend and approve. Moved by Jean Thompson, seconded Rice Flanders

Financial Report given by Walt Owens

Director's Report read by Walt Owens.

Gates Grant for more computers requires local match; they will give \$2600 a year for two years; we must match with \$1300 each year in new money (from fund-raising or from Friends, it was suggested). It was suggested to involve youth who use the computers in the fund-raising efforts.

Poetry Slam will take place on April 26, sponsored by Friends.

On the Same Page will read the book From Baghdad with Love in April; May will be the month for programs: movie night, book discussion, Middle East culture night.

Building Consultant: to help with planning; a librarian to look at the collection, analyze pattern of collections to determine how many square feet are needed for various aspects of library's services. \$7500 has been budgeted; we need to get 3 quotes

State Aid: We were just awarded \$504 additional, totaling \$14,988.11.

FY 2008 Budget: Tight in some areas; making up deficit from town's funds and state aid. State Aid will be used mainly for books and emergencies;

FY2009 Budget: Who knows? Walt wrote letter to town explaining our situation.

Historical Room: made room for a table, though no table as yet.

Town's Sexual Harassment Policy: signatures of all board members required.

Painting quote for children's department: Butler, \$2340; Couture, \$3259; Turner, \$3940. Funds to be taken from Bartolomei.

MOTION: To accept the bid of Butler for \$2340 to be taken from Bartolomei funds for painting projects in the children's department. Moved by Rice Flanders, seconded by Jean Thompson. Unanimous vote in favor.

Report from Friends of the Libraries:

June 28 Book Sale;

Group did lots of publicity for On the Same Page programs

Pat Larson and Joanie Cohen-Mitchell are stepping down as chairs

Election of new officers at June meeting

Next Meeting scheduled for May 14 at 6:00 pm at Moore-Leland Library.

Richard Senier, Chair, left after turning over the meeting to Vice-Chair Jean Thompson.

A quorum was still present.

Jean moved to go into executive session, Rice seconded. Roll Call vote unanimous.

Regular meeting was adjourned at 6 pm.

Richard M Senier, Chair