

**WHEELER MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**June 12, 2008**

Present: Richard Senier, Chair; Rice Flanders, Kathy Reinig, Jean Thompson,  
Michaele Wright; Walt Owens, Library Director  
Guests: Candy Cross, Peter Cross

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM

Minutes of May meetings approved as written---both of regular meeting and of executive session: Unanimous.

**Director's Report**

1. Financial Report and Warrant presented.
2. Circulation report given
3. Fundraising Workshop Report:  
Consensus from those who attended is that fundraising is a long drawn-out process and takes lots of work and creativity.
4. Lights in front of library have been rewired and electric eye protected
5. Septic system at Moore-Leland pumped out; costs shared with school, each to pay half (\$250)
6. Book Sale scheduled for June 28; lots of people helping
7. On Same Page grant programming completed; Middle Eastern speaker was good;  
There is still some money left from grant; will be used to buy additional material on the Iraq War, dogs; related subjects

**Report from Friends of Library by Rice Flanders:**

- New Co-Chairs are Maria Bull (??), Natasha Widener; Celia Hastings, Secretary;  
Sharmin Prouty, Treasurer.
- Friends are underwriting a Babysitting Training Class
- Friends is overseeing the June 28 book sale

**Contract Negotiations**

- Children's Librarian Candace Cross asked to speak to the Board, advocating for changes in the Memorandum of Understanding that was presented to her in May. She made her case but walked out of the meeting before discussion was concluded.
- **Jean Thompson moved and Michaele Wright seconded motion to approve the negotiated MOU for Walt Owens, Director. It was voted unanimously.**

**Library Consultant re Building Program**

Of three possible bids, Sonny Vandemark, who did similar work for previous grant process, submitted lowest bid for \$3799. She already knows the

community, and library background. **Moved by Rice Flanders, seconded by Michaelae Wright to accept Sonny Vandemark's bid; Voted unanimously.**

**Moore-Leland Parking Improvements:**

**Motion for Walt to send letter of intent requesting funds for improvements in parking arrangements at Moore-Leland Library to be sent to Town Administrator at his request in case there should be money available from Community Development Block Grant Projects. Moved by Kathy Reinig, second by Rice Flanders. So voted.**

Children's Librarian Candace Cross returned to meeting; was told Board would take matter under continued advisement.

Next meeting to be held on July 10 at 6:30 pm at Moore-Leland Library.

**Motion to go into Executive Session according to Chapter 39, Section 23b, No. 3 of the Massachusetts Legal Code for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations with non-union employees and not to resume public session was made by Jean Thompson, seconded by Michaelae Wright. Approved by unanimous roll call vote.**

Regular Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jean Thompson, Secretary pro-tem

X *Richard M. Senior, Chair*