

ORANGE LIBRARIES BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
October 11, 2006

Present: Richard Senier, Chair; Richard Ballou, Rice Flanders, Kathy Reinig, Jean Thompson; Walt Owens, Library Director

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm. September 14 minutes were accepted as corrected. October 4 minutes were accepted.

**Boiler Design Proposal:**

Radiators cannot be reused, nor can steam pipes. Christiane Perrin described alternative options.

Rice Flanders moved that we accept Christiane's proposal for boiler design. Seconded by Jean; Vote passed unanimously.

**Financial Report:**

Report received from Town Accountant for first time includes 2006 balances; this accounting includes some accounts we have never seen before. Walt added all the money, excluding that which is received from the town; total comes to \$510,000. Stock values listed are still as of 2004. This Board will need to think about (and create) an investment policy.

**Director's Report**

Circulation is down 12% from last year at Wheeler; up 12% at Moore-Leland. Walt has no explanation as yet for these changes.

Walt noted regarding the Friends' group that there is \$4268 in the general fund; \$18,891 in building fund plus "our" \$11,000 makes a total of \$30,000 in building fund.

Walt gathered a number of people for a meeting to get input, ideas, coordination regarding the Literacy Grant.

Walt has joined the Orange Business Association.

**Surplus Property (for the Police Department Auction)**

**It was moved and seconded for items on our list to go to the auction.**

**Passed**

**unanimously.**

**Friends Report from Rice Flanders:**

The group is "itching" to do something with that money; they want automatic door opener for Wheeler's side door; brings up ADA issues.

There will be no Christmas/holiday reception this year. Instead a Festival of Lights, on December 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. bowls of fruit and cookies will be available in the library;

**Board Authority:**

It was agreed by all that we need to get something in writing from the Town Counsel on this issue.

With regard to the most imminent issue, the Police Department Auction, it was decided that the Board will use its authority to declare items surplus; then courteously ask the Selectmen to accept them into the town auction. **It was moved and seconded to declare the particular items surplus; Passed.**

**It was moved and seconded to contact the Town counsel to clarify in writing the issue of bids, procedure, etc. Passed unanimously.**

**Re Capital Projects: it was discussed and decided to apply to the town for matching funds for the Planning Grant, if appropriate. Voted unanimously.**

Next meeting will be held November 9 at 7:00 p.m. at Moore-Leland.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Thompson, Secretary

*Richard M. Senier, Chair*