

MINUTES OF LIBRARY BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Co-Chairman Sally Exley. Other Board members present were Kelli Shrewsbury, Lois Chrzanowski, Joanne Lynch, Christian Mueller, Megan Feinglass, and Kathy Sims. Renee Mulkey (Alt) was absent. First Selectman Cathy Osten and Library Director Chris Kolar were also present.

- ***Kelli moved and Chris seconded the motion that the minutes of the January meeting be approved. Motion carried.***
- In the **Treasurer's Report**, **Joanne** reported \$1034.94 in the checking account.
- **Chris Kolar reported the following in her Director's Report:**
 - ✓ The program called Take Your Child to the Library Day was a big success.
 - ✓ Library circulation and participation continues to increase with the advent of new materials and programs. Several new programs are being planned for the upcoming months.
 - ✓ A Tribute to Herb Savage will be held on Thursday, March 29th from 6-8 p.m. in the library. Our large print collection will be dedicated to Herb as the Ultimate Friend of the SPL.
 - ✓ The Friends of the Library are planning a Spring Tea on May 5th, and more members continue to be added to the group.
- **Under Old Business**, the Library Board reviewed Articles IV and V of the By-laws and made appropriate revisions. Next month the Board will review Articles VI and VII.
 - ✓ ***Chris moved and Megan seconded the motion that Articles IV-V be approved as revised. Motion carried.*** When all revisions are completed, Lois will email the e-By-Laws to the Board and to the Town Clerk.
 - ✓ The First Selectman gave a comprehensive review of capital improvements proposed for the next year. She will be presenting her plan to the Board of Finance next month.
 - ✓ Marsha Cirrito asked to be considered as an alternate to the Library Board.
 - ✓ ***Kelli moved and Chris seconded the motion to recommend Marsha Cirrito to fill the vacancy of Alternate Library Board member.*** Kelli will forward her letter to the First Selectman's office.
- **Under New Business**, the proposed library budget was discussed. The First Selectman recommended that there be no raises this year, and that the budget be kept the same as last year's. Further discussion will be held on possibly re-categorizing library employees.
 - ✓ ***Chris moved and Sally seconded the motion to submit the budget as presented with no increases. Motion carried.***
 - ✓ The Board was in favor of Rebecca Reyer continuing to oversee the summer reading program, but would like her to follow the theme selected by the region.
 - ✓ Chris Kolar asked that the Board support the SPL joining the Bibliomation Overdrive Collection, which would allow patrons to download e-books. The cost would be approximately \$640 annually.
 - ✓ ***Megan moved and Chris moved that we join the Bibliomatic Overdrive Collection.*** Motion carried.
- ***At 8:20 Lois moved and Chris seconded the motion to adjourn. Unanimous.***

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Chrzanowski, Secretary

