

Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Minutes for October 5, 2009
[Approved as corrected on November 2, 2009]

Present:

Dorothy Balko
Gary Spielmann
Bruce Charbonneau
Christian Sweningsen
Patty Easton Jim Tuttle
Bill Laraway
Karen Vecellio
Andrew Pelletieri
Michael Wheeler

Absent:

Jennifer Birckmayer (excused)
Lee Jamison (excused)
Julie Johnson, Director(excused)

Guests: Bonnie Shannon, Friends; Dan Schoonover

Meeting was called to order by Gary Spielmann at 7:02 PM.

Family Night Film Festival

Dan Schoonover reported on plans for the 2009 - 2010 season. Many thanks to Dan for this continuing fine program.

Meeting

Gary reported on the MHLS Annual Meeting, which he attended, along with Julie, Jim, and Bonnie. Jim Tuttle will become President as of 2010. Josh Cohen is retiring as Director. Out of 66 libraries in MHLS, 27 have expanded within the past ten years. Julie will attend NYLA October 11 - 17. National Friends of Libraries October 18 - 24. An architect from the firm we have hired will be coming soon; no date yet. There will be an on-line conference call November 11 on fundraising opportunities; Gary, Bob Alpern and Mark Wilson will participate.

Gary moved, Jim seconded, motion passed to approve the minutes of **September 14, 2009**

Friends

Bonnie thanked those who helped with the very successful presentation on Saturday last, at the Depot in Stuyvesant. There will be a mini-booksale during the upcoming events in the Village.

The Friends presented a \$500 check to the 21st Century Fund; Bonnie gave a personal matching donation.

Question was asked re when books are accepted for book sales. A few weeks prior to the June and September sales.

Director's report (attached)

Julie is ill; Gary reported on highlights. Julie attended a meeting of Ichabod Crane Language Arts committee (with Karen) regarding collaboration. Ten new patrons were signed at the Primary School Open House. Alanna has started a blog to facilitate their work. There were 113 new patrons last month! Julie helped organize a personal safety workshop.

Treasurer's report (attached)

Two reports (August and September). Architects' fees are reflected under "Building Repairs" for the time being. Building Insurance is a once-annual payment. Andy noted an error in the September report, Fund Balance, KML Checking - \$100,000 "missing" - should read "\$111,962"

Patty reported concern about our fine collection policies, specifically informing patrons during checkout and asking if they can pay.

Check Detail Reports - June reviewed by Lee, Julie and Mike. August, Jim and Bill; September, Jim and Dot

Bruce moved and Jim seconded to accept **September** - passed.

Building and Grounds

Dot reported there will be a cleanup day on November 14; Eva Harham and Boy Scouts will help. Sign up at the desk. BYO rakes. The front door lock has been repaired.

Finance Committee

Mike reported that budget work has started, no major increases expected. Draft will be presented in November for approval in December.

Fundraising

Bill reported on a number of possibilities, including a group of Christmas readings; he has spoken with several well-known readers. Many possibilities were discussed. Keep in mind tie-ins to 21st Century Fund; tickets should be aimed at the full spectrum of incomes.

Operations Committee

No meeting.

21st Century Fund

Gary reported \$5,000 was appropriated in July, toward a \$24,000 contract; spent \$4,200. \$1,627 in the fund today, from donations (not including tonight's donations from the Friends and from Bonnie.) In addition there is a pledge from a trustee. A challenge grant is available for a total of \$10,000, extending to the end of November, 1:1.

Discussion of fundraising responsibilities and approaches. Gary requests that each Trustee contribute to their ability. Jim suggested the possibility of a mortgage being taken out to complete construction, which would then be paid through future 414s. Gary spoke with Tim Gordon who expressed interest; they will meet later. Jim suggests a "talking paper," list of accomplishments, plans, what is in motion. Suggestion of a central registry of potential donors.

New Business

Check reviews need to be initialed. Jim - August; Gary, September. These allow us to pay bills without individual motions; needs to be reflected in the minutes

Sunday Coverage

10/11 Dot; 10/18 Christian; 10/25 Patty; 11/1 Karen.

Next meeting November 2, 2009.

Bill moved, Jim seconded; meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christian Sweningsen for Lee Jamison
ccs