

Library Board Meeting History
Tuesday, April 6, 2010
7:45 PM
Conference Room

Present: Director Atkinson, Members Bellacosa, Henderson, Langlois, Parker, Sanborn and Toner

Absent: Members Doran, Hunt and Straczek

Chairman Sanborn called the meeting to order at 7:50.

Member Langlois agreed to do the minutes in the absence of Secretary Doran.

Mrs. Sanborn suggested that we change the order of the agenda to deal with some pending old business items – new furniture for the conference room and the Job Search program. Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Langlois reported on their research at Pompanoosic Mills. Mrs. Atkinson presented a quote she had received from another supplier and Mrs. Langlois showed the pictures and samples from Stamford Office Supply which she had presented at our February meeting. After some discussion of the issues of the durability and the desirability of purchasing furniture which would hold up under heavy use, Mr. Bellacosa moved that we order the furniture from Pompanoosic Mills and Mr. Toner seconded the motion. Voting aye were Bellacosa, Henderson, Langlois, Sanborn and Toner. Voting nay was Parker.

We discussed having Hilary Berger return for two additional programs for people who were looking for work. Amy Sanborn moved that Ms. Berger should be asked to present her program for adults looking for work in May and her program for recent graduates in June. Mrs. Henderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Sanborn reported that the Library's book budget for 2010- 2011 was cut again by the Selectmen.

In the absence of Secretary Doran the approval of the March minutes was postponed.

In the absence of the Treasurer there was no treasurer's report.

Director Atkinson announced that she was resigning to be effective when her replacement (impossible!) was found. Director Atkinson also reported on monies received from the state in the form of checks for \$287.21 and \$61.50. She also reported on activities going on at the Library. There was a cross stitch class for children sponsored by the Embroiderer's Guild, a Chess Program for Children sponsored by the Friends, a Tai Chi class, and an Anime Club. The Library has also been approached to sponsor programs on Korean Culture, jewelry and a Socrates Club (for philosophical discussions).

Ms. Sanborn offered to contact the High School about a candidate for the Ella Gifford Award. An award given in memory of a long term Library Board member to the student who in the estimation of the English faculty has been most adventurous in exploring the world of literature. The recipient is given a book suggested by the faculty and a check for \$150.

Mr. Bellacosa proposed applying for a grant which is available from the state of Connecticut to digitalize part of the collection. This would provide digitalization of 100 items free of charge with the possibility of doing many more later on. The Board agreed by consensus that Mr. Bellacosa should pursue this on the Library's behalf.

Mrs. Sanborn reported on her conversations with Alan Berger, a library consultant from Princeton, New Jersey. Mr. Berger has come highly recommended and has been used by a number of libraries in Fairfield, County for help in preparing strategic plans. His rough estimate of the cost is between \$18-21,000. He also advises search processes. We agreed to invite him to attend our May meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 on a motion by Mr. Toner seconded by Mrs. Langlois and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne M. Langlois
Secretary pro tem