

Weston Public Library
Board Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2010

Present: Denis Toner, Michael Bellacosa, Deirdre Doran, Lynne Langlois
Johanna Straczek, Marilyn Parker, Joan Henderson

Absent: Amy Sanborn, Anne Hunt

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Bellacosa at 7:57 PM.

The minutes of the January 5, 2010 meeting were prepared by Lynne Langlois, Secretary pro-tem.

- A motion to approve was made by Johanna Straczek and seconded by Joan Henderson. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report.

*Treasurer Johanna Straczek submitted her monthly report to members detailing moneys received in the past month. A motion to approve was made by Lynne Langlois and seconded by Marilyn Parker. The motion passed.

Director's Report..

*Ms. Atkinson reported that the library was approached by two Weston residents who wished to make donations. After a thorough discussion, the Board voted to accept one, but to decline the other.

*Ms. Atkinson also returned to a continuing discussion regarding replacing the current conference table and chairs in the Board/Conference Meeting Room. Lynne Langlois joined the discussion by describing the results of her research on the subject. Several options were presented regarding the purchase of new furniture. The sense of the meeting was that the options are reasonable in price. Ms. Atkinson agreed to check on one of the options presented in order to get more information and samples to look at.

*Director Atkinson provided a detailed accounting of the number of times a jobs database on Weston Web site is used, which is currently at zero. Other towns use the database more often, but even so, their usage is small. In the discussion that followed, it was stated that it is likely that there are other databases that people use, yet we should maintain the current one on the library's Web site for the foreseeable future.

* Director Atkinson brought up the fact that an energy supplier requested the use of the meeting room. She was told that the group was non-profit, but upon researching the company, she discovered that this was not the case. She decided, with the Board's approval, that the group would not be allowed to use the Community Room.

* Ms. Atkinson mentioned that the roof is continuing to leak. The Director hopes that the roof will be replaced in the summer or fall of 2010.

Friends of the Library report by Lynne Langlois.

* Ms. Langlois mentioned that the jobs program called “Women Returning to Work” was very successful. Marilyn Parker reported that 35 people were in attendance: a very good turnout.

Old Business:

- Therapy Dogs. Joan Henderson reported on the issue of *The Reading to Rover* program. The board discussed the ramifications of holding such a worthy program in the library. Several problems were discussed having to do with the physical limitations of a small library. It was determined that Weston does not have the kind of appropriate space for such a program. Joan agreed that, although this is a wonderful activity for children, the space limitations necessitate that we decline the offer.
- Airborne Jazz. Deirdre Doran reported that she viewed the Web site for this excellent jazz group and that the music was very appropriate for the Weston Community. She recommended, however, that local musicians be fostered in music programs. The Board discussed several points as to what kinds of musical groups are appealing to the community.
- Strategic Planning. There was a brief discussion of the Board’s interest in pursuing a strategic plan. It was decided by the members that discussion on strategic planning should take place in the March meeting.
- The Budget. The current Selectmen’s Library Budget was distributed to Board members.

New Business:

A discussion took place in which the Board talked about how it should respond to articles written in the local press.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 PM on a motion by Deirdre Doran, and seconded by Denis Toner. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre Doran
Secretary
February 11, 2010