

Town of Ulster Public Library
Board Meeting
May 12, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 by President Anne Davis. In attendance were Anne Davis, Ruth Quick, Ann Decker, Joseph Kovacs, Richard Metzger, Todd VanEtten and Faith Johnson, Library Director. Dorothy Carbo and Cynthia Wadnola were excused.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Barbara Wise.

A motion was made by Anne Davis to appoint Lurline (Lori) Adams to complete Barbara Wise's term of 4 months. Seconded by Richard Metzger. The motion passed 6-0. Installation was performed by Anne Davis.

Communications: No communications were received.

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the April 14, 2009 minutes with an amendment to add Public Comment about considering a security camera in the back of the library by Joseph Kovacs and Seconded by Anne Davis. The vote was 6-0. *Lori didn't vote since she was not at that meeting.

Director's Report:

Faith reported that the Staff Development will be held on May 20, 2009. A Bill is now in Congress to grant exemption to libraries and schools for lead content in books published before 1985. Faith made a recommendation to hire Katie Jankovitz to fill Alex's position @\$8.00/hr. for 11 hours a week. Anne Davis made a motion, seconded by Todd VanEtten. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 7-0.

Statistics Report:

All library service percentages are up, i.e. new and returning patrons and everything is proceeding smoothly.

Financial Report:

A motion was made by Richard Metzger and seconded by Todd VanEtten to approve transactions reports by date. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 7-0.

Committee Reports:

Policy: The election committee asked the Board to allocate \$1,500 for the election process, i.e. hiring an election chair person, a locked box to secure the ballots (with the election chair having the only key), applications, envelopes and postage for absentee ballots, etc. A motion was made by Ruth Quick for the Board to move \$1,500 from capital gains line and allocate it to be spent on the election process 2009, seconded by Joseph Kovacs. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 7-0. The consensus of the Board was for the committee to hire an election chairperson from the list of election inspectors residing in the Town of Ulster.

Old Business:

We are waiting for more information from the Department of Labor before proceeding further with the process of removing the drainage grates.

New Business:

Faith talked to the Board about using Direct Energy as a potential utility provider, replacing Central Hudson. We would have a locked in rate for one year, but we could cancel at any time with no charge. Discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the Board to lock in rates using Direct Energy. Thank You Faith for being a good steward of the library's money.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Quick