

**Town of Ulster Public Library
Board Meeting
March 2, 2010
(rescheduled meeting of February 23, 2010)**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by President Anne Davis. In attendance were Anne Davis, Jeanette deBeaumont, Joseph Kovacs, Walter Maxwell, Richard Metzger, Roteena Nippert, Cynthia Wadnola and Faith Johnson, Library Director. Ruth Quick and Jackie LaBarge were excused. Cynthia Wadnola left the meeting before its conclusion for personal reasons.

No public comments were made.

Communications:

The library's insurance policy will be renewed after obtaining three estimates. Joe Kovacs volunteered to contact agencies.

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the January 26, 2010 meeting minutes by Walter Maxwell, seconded by Joe Kovacs. The motion passed, 7 yes, 2 absent. Also, a motion was made to approve the February 9, 2010 special meeting minutes by Walter Maxwell, seconded by Jeanette deBeaumont. The motion passed, 7 yes, 2 absent.

Director's Report:

The staff was trained on Overdrive in preparation to support downloadable audio books.

The Story Hour and the Junior Night programs are going well. A new schedule for Adult card classes is now available.

Barnes & Noble agreed to coordinate a fund raiser program with the library during Library Week (the week of April 11). During that week two children's events will be held at the book store and vouchers will be provided. When a person purchases an item with a voucher, a percentage will be given to the library.

A special story hour will be held at Chambers school on March 17, to encourage reading.

The broadband access will be split between free service for staff computers and higher speed services for library patrons, paid in part with grant money. Starting in 2011 broadband access will be a budget item.

Statistics Report:

Library's usage, both books and computers, were very high in January (117 %, as compared with previous year.

Financial Report:

A motion was made by Richard Metzger, seconded by Roteena Nippert, to approve January transactions. The motion passed 6 yes, 3 absent. A new reporting format was created by Faith and Walter to track specific budget items.

Committee Reports:

A lawn moving contract is needed. Trustees were asked to suggest contractors who may be interested in bidding for this job.

The board noted that George Lucente did an excellent job with snow removal this season.

The bylaw committee (Cynthia, Walter, Joe) submitted proposed changes to the library bylaws.

Board members were asked to email comments before the next board meeting, to be ready to vote on the changes at that time.

Old business:

None.

New Business:

Roteena suggested that a picknick table be obtained to allow library staff to eat lunch outside during the summer. Richard will explore and report back.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Joe Kovacs