

**Seymour Public Library Board of Directors**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 21, 2010**

Present: Loreen Coe, Brian Koskelowski, Joyce Koslowski, Steve Kulas, Pauline Lounsbury, Diane Sosnovich, Elizabeth Tift, Robert Potash, Susan Strumello, Carol Ralston

**CALL TO ORDER** convened at 6:55 p.m. with pledge of allegiance led by Pauline Lounsbury.

**ELECTION OF OFFICER:**

Vice Chair: Brian Koskelowski nominated by Elizabeth Tift; Steve Kulas nominated by Robert Potash. Loreen Coe suggested Steve Kulas be nominated as Republicans on the Board were outnumbered by the Democrats and this would help to create a bipartisan affect.

Vote: Brian Koskelowski = 4 Steven Kulas = 4

Pauline Lounsbury voted for Steven Kulas to break the tie.

Carried: 9-0-0

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from December 17, 2009 meeting approved with note taken that Brian Koskelowski's name was misspelled.

Motion to Accept: Brian Koskelowski; Second: Loreen Coe 8-0-1

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Approved without incidence.

Motion to Accept: Brian Koskelowski, Second: Steve Kulas 9-0-0

**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:** Leaking circulatory pump in attic was repaired by Town of Seymour. The Library's parking lot has heaved, probably due to the cold winter. A firm needs to be secured by the town for repairs.

Carol noted that the library is encountering computer virus problems. It seems Derby Library is having the same problem. The network technician was able to provide a fix to this problem but new computers will be needed in the near future.

Spring programs are being lined up to include: Career Coach from CT Works; paranormal phenomena; Italian cooking and traditions; and buying and selling on EBay. Carol had been trying to secure a program on coyotes but it didn't come to fruition. The Board suggested contacting the Ansonia Nature Center and Seymour Land Trust to see if they had anyone available.

The library is hosting three sessions for parents of 4 year olds who will register for kindergarten. The sessions are held with school personnel doing the registration. Eighteen families were registered on January 13 with two more sessions upcoming.

The Board had asked Carol about a former patron who had caused some problems last year. This patron hasn't been seen at the library since the problem.

Carol did inform the Board that another older man had been using the computers for illicit sites. He was escorted out of the building after advising him of the library's policy. After this happened it was deemed necessary to post the statutes detailing the policy of using the town property responsibly or consequences will follow any lewd behavior.

**Proposed capital expenditure for FY 10/11 budget** and 5 year projection as requested by the Finance Board was proposed to the Library Board for inspection. Discussion centered around the exterior painting. We have received two proposals with pricing for the exterior repairs. Columns on the 1958 portico may have to be replaced depending on how bad the deterioration is. Also have received pricing for interior painting which would use the same existing color. The last time interior was painted was in 1994. Bobbins Painting submitted a bid of \$9,700.00 with additional cost of \$1,200.00 to sandblast four columns in front of portico, leaving the original brick. Bobbins Painting also submitted bid of \$7,200.00 to paint interior library. Second bid was from Falcioni Painting for \$9,601.00 exterior and \$5,000.00 for interior.

Replace 20 computers in library over a four year period. This would be ordered through the town account with a municipal vendor. Current cost of one 19" flat monitor and one CPU for \$650.00. Cost over 4 year period total \$13,000.00, each year to replace five computers - \$3,250.00.

Building maintenance issues were not included in capital request because costs will likely be under \$5,000.00. These items were proposed by Head Custodian, Roger Foster. Repair brick work on chimney on 1958 section of building. One bid received from Holmes Masonry in Seymour for \$1,550.00.

The five year proposal will be presented to the First Selectman.

Motion to Approve: Steve Kulas; Second: Loreen Coe 9-0-0

**PROPOSED MATERIAL REQUEST FOR JANUARY:** Expenditures for material in January were presented and approved.

Motion to Approve: Brian Koskelowski; Second: Elizabeth Tift 9-0-0

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Loreen Coe talked about her role on another board and how they are planning a Founders Day to be held on June 19, 2010 with a rain date of June 26, 2010. She requested use of the library parking lot. The Board advised her to bring it to the First Selectman's office for approval as it is a town building.

Neighborhood grants were discussed. Steve Kulas advised Carol to apply to the Valley Foundation as he had heard that they were looking to distribute monies to the Seymour area. Loreen Coe offered to help Carol write a proposal for a grant. Carol agreed to submit a grant, perhaps for childrens programs. The deadline is February 1, 2010.

Motion to Adjourn: Steve Kulas 9-0-0

Next meeting: February 18, 2010

Respectfully submitted: Cheryl Abbott, Recording Secretary