

Seymour Public Library Board of Directors
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 19, 2009

Present: Kristine Bourret, Loreen Coe, Brian Koskelowski, Steve Kulas, Pauline Lounsbury, Dorie Poeta, Robert Potash, Susan Strumello, Carol Ralston

CALL TO ORDER convened at 7:05 p.m. with pledge of allegiance led by Dorie Poeta.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from February 19, 2009 meeting approved with no discussion or corrections.

Motion to Accept: Loreen Coe; Second: Pauline Lounsbury
6-0-2

TREASURER'S REPORT: The town has paid the \$3,300 balance for the latest oil delivery. This should be the last oil delivery until the fall season. Carol had written an acknowledgement letter to First Selectman Koskelowski thanking him for the town assistance. There was some discussion about locking in prices for the future season.

Motion to Accept: Steve Kulas; Second: Brian Koskelowski. 8-0-0

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: One of the upcoming activities include a book discussion, Haunted Baseball, with author Dan Gordon on April 4, 2009. Mr. Gordon would like to be able to sell and autograph his book while making his appearance. Carol had written to First Selectman Koskelowski requesting permission to allow authors giving programs at the library to be able to sell copies of their books. This is a common practice among libraries that host author events. The board was very supportive of this idea and approved the motion for the first selectman to discuss this with the town attorney.

Motion to Accept: Steve Kulas; Second: Robert Potash. 8-0-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Steve Kulas was unable to contact Jamie Cohen of the Valley Foundation concerning non-profit foundation status. Steve has done investigation on his own networking with his colleagues for information on how to go about starting a foundation. A startup group to form foundation will need to be set up. Perhaps the Friends of the Library could meet with the board to exchange ideas about setting up a foundation. This will be discussed further at a future meeting

It was felt that a fundraiser such as an indoor miniature golf day might be a great money maker. Woodbury Historical Society held a mini-golf fundraiser and did very well.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion continued about permission for authors to sell copies of books included in programs presented by them at the library. There are popular authors residing in Connecticut to be tapped. Other libraries have success with this type of program and it is a public draw.

Motion to request that Mr. Koskelowski look into this possibility: Steve Kulas; Second: Brian Koskelowski. 8-0-0

REVIEW OF PROPOSED MATERIAL EXPENDITURES: Total of \$3,421.00 was approved as indicated on profile memo distributed by Carol.

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

OTHER BUSINESS: A transfer of funds for \$255 was made from the CD/Music line to Maintenance in order to pay for a new lock replacement on men's room door.

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

The Evaluation Committee will meet on March 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the library to begin the evaluation process of the head librarian.

Motion to Adjourn: Steve Kulas; Second: Pauline Lounsbury

Next meeting: April 16, 2009

Respectfully submitted: Cheryl Abbott, Recording Secretary