Seymour Public Library Board of Directors

MINUTES FROM SPECIAL MEETING
March 27, 2008

PRESENT: Kristine Bouret, Brian Kokelowski, Pauline Lounsbury, Dorie Poeta, Robert Potash, Susan Strumello, Carol Ralston

CALL TO ORDER and pledge of allegiance made by Dorie Poeta.

PRESENTATION Mr. Angel Fernandez-Chavero, Senior Philanthropic Officer, spoke about the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven and the Valley Community Foundation. The Henry A. Hamel Fund was also discussed with a handout of the grant's history and how much has been bequeathed on a yearly basis to the Seymour Library since 1998. There was a lively discussion of a variety of ways to create funds either by endowments/bequests and fundraising, perhaps with the assistance of the Friends of the Library. Questions were asked regarding directing the Wooster Fund, administered by Bank of America, to either the Community Foundation or Valley Foundation. The legal aspects would have to be investigated. Further discussions will be made at another board meeting.

MINUTES APPROVED from February 21, 2008 – motion by Brian Koskelowski, second Pauline Lounsbury. Carried: 6-0-1

TREASURER'S REPORT Oil budget in jeopardy, at a low of $173 with a delivery planned for April for approximately $3,000. Recommendations/suggestion made to take monies out of savings or to cut line items. No resolution made at this time. Motion to approve made by Brian Koskelowski, second Pauline Lounsbury. Carried: 7-0-0

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT Bequest of books made by estate of Elaine Buckley. Books will have a stamped plate fabricated to distinguish their origin. Everyone agreed to two stamps being printed with "In Honor of Elaine Buckley, long time friend of the Seymour Public Library" and "This Book is a Gift from Elaine Buckley 2008".

Suggestion made to present for an increase to the Seymour Board of Finance meeting.

Summer programs were mentioned which will include a variety of workshops and career coaching. They will be printed in the Voices circulation.

Motion to approve by Brian Koskelowski, second Pauline Lounsbury. Carried: 7-0-0

CORRESPONDENCE Letter of praise by Alice Cowels, a frequent visitor of the library, was read by Dorie Poeta. It seems Ms. Cowels frequents many libraries in the area and was impressed by our staff and selection of available books.

STAFF EXPENDITURES Discussed and approved to use endowment funds. Motion to approve by Brian Koskelowski, second Susan Strumello Carried: 7-0-0

MEETING ADJOURNED Motion by Pauline Lounsbury, second Dorie Poeta

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Abbott
Recording Secretary