

DOVER TOWN LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 12, 2013 9:00AM

LIBRARY LIVING ROOM

Present: Mark Bush, Ann Coster, Adrian Hill, Beth Paisner, Cheryl Abdullah.

Beth called the meeting to order at 9.01am.

Announcements:

- Beth ran over the calendar schedule and the process for the March 11th Caucus meeting.

Reports :

- Appeal letter: the monies are still trickling in, now just below \$10k
- Directors report:

It was noted with some schadenfreude that the recent thief had been incarcerated over the Holiday period. Cheryl admitted that the process towards a full receipt of stolen items or compensation for such items may be a long one.

Capital budget: the total quote for the work on the Childrens Library came in at \$33k, above the \$15k hoped-for figure. Of this, shelving was \$23, 290 (incl \$2000 disposal of old shelving). The Library can cover this with the appeal monies and the requested \$15k from the Town. Furniture was \$12,000 but we can eliminate two adult chairs and a table and reduce the cost to \$8,671. This can be covered from Grant & Aid money.

The committee discussed splitting and delaying purchase of the furniture but decided to do it all at once. Ann asked about timing and as to when the Childrens Library would be closed. Cheryl indicated that August may be the most likely time for the carpeting and renovation work, the area to be closed for perhaps a week. A Grand re-opening in September when the schools returned

was discussed. Cheryl shared a design plan for the Childrens area and stressed again the flexible nature of the plan, with all items moveable.

Requiring motions:

- A motion was made to use the appeal monies to pay the shelving shortfall & to use Grant & Aid money for the furniture. Passed.
- Motion to approve the January minutes. Passed.

Friends – Judy Schulz was absent, but Beth noted that she had heard that a celebratory meeting was recently held. Debate was that in the next year, the Friends may have the Fall House Tour “off” - and just do a Garden tour in May/June, with a less labor intensive event in the Fall.

Open Items:

- Outdoor lily pads furniture – discussion on which items to be purchased. Amherst metalworker consulted, after two Blacksmiths have backed out, \$6000 for 2 tables, one large artistic Frog. This would consume all remaining money. The price of the Frog and the lily pad items seems prohibitively high. Cheryl agreed. Also the money was received for furniture not art. A decision was made to go back and look at outdoor equipment catalogue for still whimsical and more reasonably priced furniture.

Cheryl again reminded people to come with budget and capital budget papers in hand to the Caucus meeting.

9.26am meeting adjourned.