# Board of Library Trustees Meeting April 1, 2008

# 7:00 p.m.

Medway Public Library

## Attendees:

Trustees:

MaryAnn Cabibbo, Vice Chairman Elliott Edwards William Roberts, Secretary Wendy Rowe, Chairman

Citizens:

Margaret Perkins Richard Dunne, Selectman Carol Brown, concerned citizen

#### Minutes:

A. Approval of agenda

Motion to approve the agenda. EE1, WLR2

B. Secretary's report

Postponed

- C. Citizens Speak
  - Carol Brown

Was attending because she's concerned.

• Margaret Perkins

Attended a Metrowest meeting on library advocacy and a useful conference on Children's programming. In particular on math and science. NASA makes available a nice program about the moon. Holliston is doing it in the fall.

o Richard Dunne

The Selectmen are recommending a 58 grand increase. This would prevent us from dipping into the Tuchinsky Principle next year and maintain our current Saturday hours.

Wendy said she was going to ask for \$80,000 which would allow us to be open 32 hours and would put us in a good way to claw our way back to least partial certified respectability

Rich was asked by the Selectmen to approach Millis about regionalizing. They're hopeful for an override over there to upgrade their building (they're on the state library construction wait list). They didn't throw him out the door, but nothing is likely to happen until their financing is clearer.

Wendy said that of course we would be happy to talk to them.

Wendy suggested we get the MBLC in to go over what the various options and issues are.

When this was broached (by us to them) back in the '90s, before our own building project, they weren't interested. That would have entailed building a shared building about half way between our two municipalities.

- D. Budget Report
  - FinCom meeting appointment Thurs 7pm MHS library
  - TA/BOS recommends \$58000 more (no Tuchinsky principle use, plus Sat funds)
  - \$80000 more would preserve the principle and fund our 32 hr minimum
- E. Acting Director's Report
  - This is Celeste's last week (Secretary to Town Admin / BOS)
  - Earmark project status
  - Computers

Have been ordered. Town computer resource has been very helpful and will take care of installing and configuring them.

 $\circ$  Mold remediation

A mass exodus of mold families was observed. They're looking for other soggy buildings to inhabit.

Wendy used the middle estimate because she trusts the guy (Medway resident) and thinks the low estimate doesn't include everything.

• Water infiltration

Various issues (including with the gutters) are being addressed.

### F. Old business

- May election: Chuck and Wendy are running unopposed
- Annual report submitted (see attached)
- Holliston/Franklin service issue

Holliston is unwilling to let Franklin residents specify Medway as a pickup location. (For some it's more convenient than Franklin Library's downtown location). Our staff gets caught in the middle, unable to explain why the stuff hasn't shown up.

The MBLC says allowing pickup at decertified locations is up to the individual libraries.

Margaret is going to bring it up with the Minuteman Membership committee. Margaret will also tell her Holliston Director Leslie that our Acting Director Wendy says yes please do ask your Trustees to revisit this as you'd offered

- G. New Business
- H. Fundraising

Chuck is working on arrangements for the Odd Fellows dinner this fall.

The book sale will not be the first weekend in May since that's when a temple group has volunteered to help shelve books, but will probably be the second weekend. It will be either Fri eve members / Sat public or Sat AM members / Sat public.

I. Next Meeting (delayed 1 week, Wendy will post): Tues May 13 7pm Motion to adjourn (7:50), EE1 WLR2, passed unanimously