

TUFTONBORO FREE LIBRARY MONTHLY TRUSTEE MEETING
Minutes of March 19, 2009

Present: Trustees: Tina Antonucci, Liese Gauthier & Mary Ann Murray
Librarians: Christie Sarles and Lindalee Lambert
Guests: Carolyn Sundquist

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM

Minutes:

Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Liese Gauthier presented the Treasurer's report and made note of the Fidelity Funds and other investments. There was some discussion regarding what would be a good direction to go in to maximize the investments. Mary Ann suggested an investment person could be helpful but it was felt that in these times no one can accurately predict what will happen and we should just keep an eye on the funds. Christie asked if we should choose a number at which to sell the investments and Liese suggested that if we sell our losses are losses and if we hold on to them they may turn around. Liese will get the figures from Fidelity online and bring them to the April Meeting. The lapsing funds that were designated for the building fund should possibly be placed in the Capital Reserve Account in 2010 depending on the outcome of the 2010 Town Meeting.

Librarian's report

Circulation was slightly down and again that was attributed to snow days when the Library was closed, the lack of a Nursery School and the fact that some homeschoolers have read all the books in the children's section and are not taking out as many books. There have been many Inter-Library Loans the bulk of which have been for materials that the Librarians do not feel are necessary to purchase to have in our collection. The performance reviews are complete. There has been a change in policy and "Dress -Down Friday" has been canceled. Mary Ann commented that she was pleased with this change as she feels that in a place of business, the employees should dress as if it were a place of business

The cartographer of the Trail Bandit of the Ossipee Mountains has offered to print these maps for [sale@\\$5.00](#) each at the Library and the money would be donated to the Library Building Fund. The Librarians agreed to post one map on the wall and to take orders for a limited time perhaps through the month of July.

The Census Bureau has done training in the meeting room.

The Town buildings and facilities have been inspected by the Code's Officer and Carolyn will check to see when the Library will be inspected.

The web site will be updated to include the Library Use Value Calculator, as it was discussed that having the information available to the Public can only stress the importance of the Library to the Community.

Parking Lot lining will be done in the spring.

Old Business

The Informational Open House was very well received and a staunch opponent of the New Library attended and was convinced to vote for the Library.

The letter from the IRS regarding the compliance review was shared with all present. It was universally agreed that the letter was very vague and did not really fully answer any of the questions. The understanding is that sub-contractors will use the Library's Tax Identification Number and the employees will use the Town's. It was decided to have the Trustees contact the State Board of Library Trustees as this is not just a local issue. Many Libraries in the State are in the same situation.

New Business

The vote at Town Meeting for the Library Warrant was 189 Yes/125 No which was 60% and it required 66% to pass. The Friends will meet at 3:00 PM on March 20. Mary Ann and Lindalee will attend.

There was some initial discussion regarding a survey of non-resident taxpayers and surveying the public perception of the Library and its services. This discussion will continue to next month along with the discussion of the Personnel Policy. The Library will be a site for the Town- Wide Yard Sale. Tina Antonucci, Linda MacDonald and Lindalee Lambert will man the booth indoors.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM

Next Meeting April 9, 2009@ 4:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Murray, Secretary

